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VETERANS DAY 2021: SALUTING OUR HEROES

World War II Memories

A front row seat to one of America's most iconic moments

By Ruth DiCristoforo
Correspondent

PALMER— Philip Christensen entered the U.S. Navy two days shy of his 25th birthday to serve his country during World War II aboard the USS Arkansas.

Now, at age 102, the Palmer resident recently reflected on his service, which included America's next war after World War II.



Courtesy photo

Veteran Philip Christensen, now 102, enjoys watching his Red Sox among many other activities and interests.

He was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Area Medal with two stars for active service during the pivotal battles in Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Later, in the Navy Reserve, he served twice during the Korean War. He helped train the new recruits for the Navy Reserve and later went on special assignment to Germany to bring back one of the two ice breakers loaned to Russia during World War II.

Growing up, his youngest daughter, Laurie Desjardins, never heard her dad's war stories and only knew he became hearing impaired from combat. That all changed one night when a question about the famous raising of the U.S. flag at Iwo Jima came up on the popular TV show "Jeopardy!" and her dad said, "I saw that happen."

"I was shocked," Desjardins said.

"Only now since I am an adult is he passing along his stories, especially to his grandchildren. I think it's important for my dad to tell his stories because people don't often have live history like this nowadays. The fact that he is here to tell these stories is so special. He does not think he did anything heroic. He just wanted to go in for his kids."

Prior to going into the Navy, Christensen had a deferred status while working in his father's Springfield machine shop, O.N. Christensen, as a tool maker for the war effort.

"When allowed, I signed up immediately," he said.

"I figured they had not gone into Normandy yet, or that part of Europe and they were going to need a lot of people once that happened. So being a 'Norwegian,' naturally I'm a sailor, and went in the Navy."

He ended up in the Allies' other theater of war, in the Pacific, which also needed a lot of people if the Allies were going to defeat the Axis powers.

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RAISING AWARENESS

Vets pass through town on 90-mile march to Boston



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After starting in Chicopee and marching through Ludlow, local veterans (from left) Keith Germain, Michelle Dunfield, and James Chartier stopped for a photo on Springfield Street in Three Rivers on their way to Boston.

By Michael Harrison
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PALMER — On a frost-covered morning last week, three flag-carrying former U.S. service members set out on a march to Boston and the Statehouse to raise awareness of critical issues veterans face, passing through Chicopee, Ludlow, Palmer, and Warren along the way.

James Chartier, the Chicopee resident and former U.S. Army staff sergeant who started the 90-Mile March in 2016, was joined by two other Hampden County veterans, Keith Germain, who has over a dozen years of service with the Army and Air Force Reserves, and Michelle Dunfield, Germain's sister, who retired as a chief master sergeant after 26 years in the Army and Air Force Reserves.

Former service members — especially those who experienced combat — can find re-integrating into civilian life difficult under the



best of circumstances, they said. PTSD and other psychological disorders cause a chain reaction that leads to unemployment and homelessness.

"With the way our VA system has been struggling helping out our veterans, many have become homeless, and I thought it was

a good idea to walk to Boston to raise awareness," Chartier said.

"It's out there that there are 22 veterans that commit suicide every day, but we don't know the numbers of veterans that are homeless," Dunfield said.

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Turley Publications File Photo

This year, over 30 Monson residents serving in the military will receive a military care package thanks to donations from local residents and an organization dedicated to delivering them.

Residents deliver care packages to military members

By Jonah Snowden
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MONSON — Once again, residents of Monson can show their support for their neighbors who are serving in the U.S. military through the annual Monson Military Care Package Drive on Nov. 21.

Annually, Monson residents who are serving in the military receive care packages from their friends and family members to show their support and let them know their service is appreciated. It also helps them feel connected to home if they are not able to return during the holidays.

Each package contains hygiene products, snacks, and letters from students at Granite Valley Middle School.

Co-chairman of the Military Care Package Drive Committee MaryAnn Fabrycki said this year, over five women and 26 men are going to have care packages made for them.

"Only three people are coming home for one of the holidays out of 31," Fabrycki said.

"These boxes that arrive on their door are showing them that

they have support and love from their hometown. Every little thing is important to them, whether it's a candy bar or a Visa card. We also like to support the families, because it's not only hard for the recipients, but also for the parents who need the support to know that we're there for them."

Fabrycki said she also would like to thank Bob Lamb and Lisa Picardi for their contributions to the annual care package drive.

One of the recipients of the care packages, Antonio Picardi, who is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and is stationed in North Carolina, said he appreciates the annual gift.

"It's uplifting," Picardi said.

"It makes you feel really good, knowing that people care. It makes me want to do so much of a better job and keep going because it can get hard at times."

To prepare for this care package drive, the committee responsible for it is hosting a variety of fundraisers. On Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, Main Street Tavern will be donating a portion of its sales from 5 p.m. to closing to the com-

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COMMUNITY

You can help Santa's Elves 'Stuff the Cruiser'

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PALMER — It's that time of year and once again, Santa has boots on the ground here in town working to help ensure kids in need will have a merry Christmas.

Lori Chiacchia, who founded Santa's Elves of Palmer last year in response to the economic fallout of the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic, already has sponsors for more than 100 local kids — and counting — in financially stressed families who otherwise might not have received a gift this year. Now she's focusing her attention on the Dec. 4 Stuff the Cruiser event at the Palmer Police Department.

"We need a lot," she said.

Residents are asked to bring any new, unwrapped toy and if possible, a non-perishable food item that will be donated to Palmer Food Share to the event, which will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Although conditions have improved for some residents who were able to resume work after pandemic restrictions were lifted earlier this year, Chiacchia said



Courtesy photo

Lori Chiacchia's daughter Liana Carrasquillo with some of the toys collected by Santa's Elves of Palmer for local kids in need.

many residents still find it difficult to make ends meet, especially as global supply chain glitches blamed on the pandemic have caused consumer prices to rise.

"We need a lot," Chiacchia

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COMMUNITY

Monson Memorial Classic draws over 200 runners to honor Waldron sisters



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Runners set out in the Monson Memorial Classic half-marathon.

By Douglas Farmer
Special to The Journal Register

MONSON — If the bright sun was any indication, the late Kelly Waldron and her late sister Kathy Waldron Perry were shining down on the 25th anniversary race held in their honor on Sunday.

For the Monson Memorial Classic drew over 200 runners to its USA Track & Field certified half-marathon and 5K. The race was started in the 1990s in memory of the two sisters who died of

cancer nine months apart.

As for those who put foot to pavement in downtown Monson on Nov. 7, some said they had personal experience with cancer in their families. Others didn't. But all felt good about returning to the road for a good cause — what longtime race director Lee Williams called "the best little race that not many know about."

As Williams moved about, making announcements and repositioning traffic cones for runner safety, Jack Perry — Kathy's hus-



Adam Moreau, of Monson, was on hand to support his daughter, seventh grader Madelyn Moreau, who was taking part in her first 5K at the Monson Memorial Classic.

band — handed out medals to top racers.

Nearby was Rich Ladew, a member of the Granite Valley Running Club and 4Run3, who will be

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SUNNY AND NIMBUS

This pair of cats are both rescues and took to each other right away. "From the moment these two boys met they were bonded. They love each other and even groom each other. They are our boys and we love them," their owner says.

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Free lunch and read 'Between the Lions' next week

HOLLAND — Massachusetts District 33A Lions are having a Pasta Party Luncheon on 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road in Holland.

There will be screening demonstrations of "Reading Between the Lions" along with additional sight related information and a free lunch.

"Reading Between the Lions" is a reading program that addresses a lack of saccadic fixation which is a visual skill defined as the "jump eye movements necessary for reading." Saccadic fixations refer to the working of eye muscles that allow individuals the eye movement necessary for reading. The Lions said they hope to focus on improving reading skills early in life by screening children, but this program can also be used by adults who feel they struggle with reading at a comfortable pace.

This program provides screening to determine limitations and follows with effective and user-friendly exercises to improve reading skills for people of all ages. The Lions will be setting up screenings and holding classes to teach these exercises in the area soon. Call Ann Marie at 413-668-6653 by Nov. 16 to reserve your free lunch.

For more information about this pilot program coming to Lions District 33A, contact Second Vice District Gov. Curt Jameson at 413-668-6653 or email monsonlionsclub@gmail.com.



RJ and Steve learn to measure twice and cut once with Den Leader Greg Fedora during the Weblos bird house building project.



Courtesy photos

RJ's mom, Katrina helps out while RJ creates a bird house.



Steve takes care sawing a piece of wood that will become a birdhouse.

Birdhouses are the order of business for Pack 7

By Diane Kane
Correspondent

BRIMFIELD — The pack meets at the First Congregational Church at 6:15 p.m. one Tuesday a month. Then they get together in separate den meetings based on age/grade level. This is where the Weblos 1 Group build it project began, and birdhouses started to come together under the guidance of Den Leader Greg Fedora. Weblos is a Cub Scout den for members in fourth grade.

"Scouting teaches kids the life skills

through programming we often as parents do not have time to teach our kids on our own or perhaps, we do not know how to do ourselves and need someone to guide us," Cub Master Robin Veratti said.

"Based on the cub scouting program, we teach the kids how to use hand tools properly so that when they are young adults, they can make or fix things in their homes on their own."

So far, the kids' favorite new skill is using saws to cut the wood. They have not completed the birdhouses yet. However, they are looking forward to nailing them

together and painting. They found the most challenging part was using a ruler to measure out the sizes of the wood, such as 5 and 3/8th inches.

The cubs plan to either keep the bird abodes and hang them at their houses or sell them to anyone interested.

Veratti posts about the projects on Facebook. The Bears, the third grade den, will also be doing this same project soon.

The kids are open to having any type of bird live in the houses. The hope is that the birdhouses give a safe home to local birds in the community where people can

enjoy them and hear their songs. RJ and Steve are both 9 years old. RJ attends Wales Elementary, and Steven goes to Brimfield Elementary. Both Steve and RJ are unsure of what they want to be when they get older but scouting gives them a lot to consider.

Next on the agenda for the Weblos is the 'fix-it project' to learn how to change oil, a flat tire, and fix a bulb that's out in a car.

If interested in joining the pack, call Robin Fedora at 413-388-5004.

Tree and Wreath Festival brings joy, raises funds

Concert on tap; Business sponsors needed



PALMER — The Palmer Historical and Cultural Center is pleased to inform patrons and the surrounding communities that the ninth annual Tree and Wreath Festival will be returning to PHCC this year on Dec. 3-5 and Dec. 11-12.

This has been a very popular event over the years, a highlight of the holiday season for local adults and children. It is also important event to PHCC, as it not only brings joy to the local communities, but it is also a major annual fundraiser.

That aspect is especially important this year, after 20 months of paying monthly expenses and not being able to generate

income through programming due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The PHCC just recently re-opened for in-person performances and events.

The Tree and Wreath festival has been successful due to the generosity of many businesses and individual donations of wreaths, trees, ornaments, and gifts, as well as all those who purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win and take home their favorite tree or wreath.

To continue the success of this event, PHCC is once again looking for businesses, organizations, individuals, and families that are interested in supporting this fundraiser by sponsoring a tree and/or wreath. The proceeds from this event will be used by PHCC in carrying out the PHCC mission in providing diversified cultural events to not only to Palmer, but to the surrounding communities and Western Mass. region. If you would like to learn more as to how you can sponsor a tree or wreath, visit the PHCC website — palmerhcc.org — for information and downloadable forms. If you have questions, email palmerhcc@gmail.com

Courtesy photo

A local favorite, the Tree and Wreath Festival, is back for a ninth year. Stop by to purchase your Christmas tree or wreath or a chance to win them in a raffle. Proceeds benefit the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, which is struggling to rebound from the pandemic.

DEADLINE

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THANKSGIVING HISTORY

Hitchcock Academy presents 'In the Wake of the Mayflower'

BRIMFIELD – Hitchcock Academy welcomes writer Kevin Doyle, who collaborated on the book "In The Wake of the Mayflower," printed in 2019, for a presentation with visual historian Karen Rinaldo, whose painting, "The First Thanksgiving, 1621" has been featured widely, exhibited most notably at Plymouth Plantation for 20 years, and inspired the book.

The pair will share thoughts on their work in this 400th commemoration of

The First Thanksgiving in 1621 at noon and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at Hitchcock Academy, a community center in Brimfield.

Rinaldo is recognized as a visual historian and will talk about the commissioning of the painting and the process involved in creating it, the unveiling and exhibition by invitation at Pilgrim Hall, and its exhibit at Plymouth Plantation. The painting is currently on exhibit at (MOG) Museums on the Green



"In the Wake of the Mayflower" covers four timelines: Nauset 1602-1619, Pilgrims arrival and their relationship with the native Wampanoag, King Philip 1621-1675, and the origin of the 15 Cape Cod towns 1675-1976.



Writer Kevin Doyle and Visual Historian Karen Rinaldo present "In the Wake of the Mayflower" Nov. 17 at at Hitchcock Academy.

in Falmouth, on loan from the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches through December. It has been requested to be displayed in 2022 at Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth. Rinaldo's painting has been featured in textbooks, news shows, and history books. Her work has been documented since the early 1970s, including a 14-minute video that documents every stroke and the process in creating "The First Thanksgiving, 1621."

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Kevin M. Doyle is a retired military combat veteran, as well as a writer and lecturer on historic places and events. His curiosity has inspired him to look for events that may be fading from public memory but deserve to be revived and celebrated by locals and visitors alike.

To reserve a seat for this presentation, visit hitchcockacademy.org. Lunches are available, if reserved, for the noon presentation for \$10/person (soup/half sandwich provided by Panera) or participants may bring a bag lunch. A second presentation will be offered at 6 p.m. The presentation is otherwise free of charge, though donations to the presenting 501(c)3 nonprofit are always warmly welcomed.

Library hosts Ashe rep

A staff member from state Rep.e Brian Ashe's office will be available to meet with residents at the Monson Library on the following dates from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.: Nov. 17, and Dec. 15. If you are not able to attend and have an issue or concern, contact Robin Frechette at 413-272-3922 for assistance.

Donations needed for Keep Warm Drive

PALMER — The Three Rivers Firefighters Association Ladies Auxiliary is holding its annual Keep Warm Drive to benefit the Palmer/Monson Family Network families

through Dec. 5.

Families are in need of new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, mittens and gloves. All sizes and genders are appreciated. A donation box is located

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Viewpoints

Community-based homes for vets is a great idea

Earlier this week, three veterans from our area completed a five-day, 90-mile march to Boston to help raise awareness of serious issues facing former military members here and across the country.

Chief among them they say is homelessness and mental illness, which are often linked; untreated mental illness can be an obvious obstacle to steady employment and the ability to pay for secure housing. While the three – all in their 50s and with multiple decades of service on their resumes – ostensibly trekked to the capital of the Commonwealth to make an impression of elected officials, they also wanted local residents to pay attention.

This has become an annual event and this year marked the sixth 90-Mile March.

With education and awareness, everyone can make a difference on a grassroots level. The former service members advise anyone who wants to help to begin in the boat basic way by starting a conversation with a struggling veterans they might know or be aware of. It's particularly effective they said, when another veteran initiates contact because of the shared bond of military service.

Just listening can help. At least it's a place to begin.

We applaud the effort of those who made this year's 90-Mile March and hope it influenced some people to get involved. There's more, though.

While talking with the marchers about possible solutions, the idea came up about creating community-based group homes designed specifically for military veterans in need. Not just a safe and secure place to eat, sleep, and bathe, but where some medical services, including counseling, would be available.

The vets who marched to Boston said those served by such community-based facilities won't have to feel like they're getting a handout because they can pay their way by helping out, through community service, or other ways.

This seems to be wholly attainable and we challenge all local towns to begin considering creating their own facilities. There's plenty of unused space available in every town and appropriate public/private partnerships could purpose or re-purpose these properties, whether it's an empty office building or retail space or vacant farmland, for this vital use.

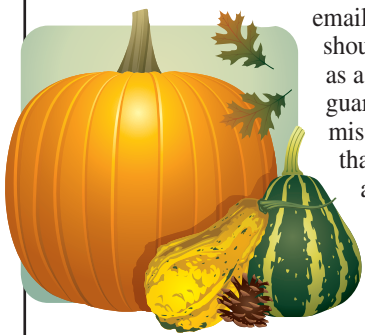
From local service organizations like Lions and Rotary clubs to schools, Scouting, and unaffiliated residents who want to make a difference, the potential pool of volunteers is bottomless.

We celebrate our nation's veterans at this time every year with patriotic displays, speeches and various services. That's a wonderful expression of how local residents and officials feel about our military members.

Let's all go a step further and do something that could immediately improve the lives of veterans in need for years to come.

Early submission deadline

The deadline for submissions you would like to appear in Nov. 25 edition of the Journal Register is noon on Friday, Nov. 19. Submissions and questions should be sent by email to mharrison@turley.com. Please send submissions as Word docs or plain email text. Photos should be attached as a .jpg. There is no guarantee that submissions sent other than by email will appear in that edition. We thank you for your cooperation!



Invasive plants more obvious in fall

The fall offers glorious colors and fruits at our disposal. But not all berries are best, and some foliage is not worth replicating in our yards. Why you ask? Because the three plants I mention here are invasive; they choke out other plants in an attempt to take over the world (gasp!). More invasives mean fewer natives and less diversity, and with that fewer food sources and a whole host of other issues.

Oriental Bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*) is loaded with berries this year and most others, but it is definitely not something to get excited about, or use in your fall or winter decorations. Why? This invasive vine can grow 10 to 12 feet per year, 60 or more feet at maturity, twining its way up trees, bushes and other vines, strangling them in the process and shading out native plant populations below. The mass of tangled vines can become an almost impenetrable thicket, in both sunny or partly shady situations. It is also unfortunate that Oriental Bittersweet, which hails from China, Korea and Japan and arrived in this country in the mid 1800s, has all but wiped out our American Bittersweet (*Celastrus scandens*) or cross bred with it, producing hybrids.

A number of birds and animals feed on the seeds of this plant and to an unsuspecting reader this may sound like a silver lining of sorts. Oriental Bittersweet has less calories and fat than the berries of native plants, so they are not the best food source for migratory birds. And unfortunately, the seeds continue to be dispersed. With hundreds of berries per vine and each berry containing two to four seeds, you can see how the plant was able to run rampant. To make matters worse, the seeds are viable in the soil for many years.

The sale of Oriental Bittersweet in any form, from cuttings to vines and even berry-laden wreaths was prohibited in 2006, although enforcing the ban is difficult. I shockingly saw this very plant for sale at a chain store on the Cape this past spring. Looking to rid Oriental Bittersweet from your property? You are in for a challenge, as resprouting occurs nearly wherever roots or stems are hacked back. The best option is to cut it as close to the root collar as possible every two weeks, beginning early in the season and continuing through the summer and fall, until the plant's reserves are exhausted. If you can mow it all the better, but do so frequently; just a couple of mowings per year actually encourages more root suckering. Unfortunately there is no known biological control at this time. The herbicide Triclopyr, the active ingredient in 'Brush B Gone,' is useful in controlling Oriental Bittersweet. One advantage over Glyphosate (Roundup) is that monocots, grasses, sedges and lilies, are spared from the spray, remaining on site to prevent erosion. Do your own research on these products before

using them in your yard and be sure to follow the manufacturer's recommendations to a 'T.'

Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*) has another berry, called a rose "hip", that is seen in abundance this year, but best avoided in our holiday decorating. Introduced in 1866 as a rootstock for commercial roses, and promoted as a living fence, the multiflora is now a noxious weed in several states because of its ability to form dense thickets that out-compete native plants and replace surrounding vegetation.

What makes this plant particularly tough to control is its ability to root when it touches the soil. Another major problem is that it produces staggering numbers of seeds that remain viable in the soil for upwards of 20 years! To control it on the home front, try frequent repeated hand cutting or mowing three to six times a year for two to four years. The other option is to consult your favorite expert about chemical applications.

Looking into the woods while on a walk today I saw bursts of reddish pink. Seemingly pretty, at first I thought it was native blueberry strutting its stuff. But alas, Winged Euonymus (*E. alatus*) has made a home nearby! After a bit of research I learned that 'Burning Bush' as it is commonly called invades both disturbed and undisturbed forests. Birds eat and disperse the fruit, causing dense thickets to form at the expense of our native plants. For that reason selling or distributing *E. alatus* was made an illegal practice in 2009. The best remedy for ridding the plant from your landscape is to pull or dig it out. I have had pretty good luck consistently chopping away at a plant in my yard before it makes seeds and again at another time during the growing season. My theory is that if you cut down on the part of the plant that is photosynthesizing, eventually it will give up. At least in theory. Likewise, some folks resort to chemicals here too. I guess if I had to go that route I'd cut down as much as I could and maybe concentrate a spray at the cut portion of the trunk.

The old adage about the fact that beauty is only skin deep rings true here. In the end, there is little that is redeeming about these plants.

Euonymus alatus can invade not only a variety of disturbed habitats including forest edges, old fields and roadsides but also in undisturbed forests. Birds and other wildlife eat and disperse the fruit. Once established, it can form dense thickets, displacing native vegetation.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

Letters to the Editor

Change process for filling vacancies

On October 25, 2021, along with six other people, I had the privilege to apply for a vacancy on the Palmer Town Council. I was not chosen by the town council to fill the void and I congratulate and wish the person who was selected well.

However, the process for selecting someone to fill a vacancy on this council is flawed. And here's why: Upon arrival at the town hall, candidates were informed they would be asked to wait in another room until called to the council chamber for an interview by sitting councilors. The president indicated the separation was to "avoid" one person from being influenced by another applicant. As a citizen of Palmer, and a voter of Palmer, I believe this violated the state's open meeting law. Even though I was a candidate I believe I still had the right to be in the chamber while the interviews took place.

This oversight (and I'm certain that's what it was) was not the only flaw in the method used to fill a vacancy. Anytime a voter is excluded, it's not acceptable. The sitting councilors should never, ever be allowed to determine who will be sitting next to them on the council. It's kind of in the realm of a Supreme Court justice determining who shall replace him or her when the decision is made to retire. It's just not done, nor should it be.

Here's what I propose be done to rectify the situation:

1. The town clerk selects 10 registered voters at random
2. The clerk inquires whether or not they would serve on a selection panel

Once the clerk has the 10 people, they are separated into two panels of five each.

The vacancy is then advertised using accepted methods and folks interested are asked to submit, not necessarily a resume but an expression of interest in the opening. Once these are gathered, a date is set for folks to come to Town Hall to be interviewed for the opening. These interviews are conducted by the voters – and not by council members.

Assuming five people are interviewed, the first panel narrows down the field to three finalists selected regardless of the number of applicants is ideal. The first panel is thanked for their service to the community and the next panel is convened. This can all be done in one evening. After interviewing the three finalists, the second panel will make the selection of who will fill the vacancy from the three finalists.

Once that selection is made, the person chosen is immediately sworn in to fill the term left by the vacancy. To avoid a conflict of interest, an applicant for the vacant position cannot serve on either panel. This plan does not exclude the voters, in fact it encourages participation in the operation of town government, something I believe is very important. This method could also be used for openings on the school committee.

John M. Comerford
Bondsville

Solution for those 'convenient' bags

I smiled when reading guest columnist Joan Coombs' Viewpoint regarding the difficulty of opening the plastic produce bags that are offered at supermarkets.

I recently stood along with two strangers, the three of us trying at the same time to open these bags that are offered for "convenience." The three of us were frustrated and talked about our regular difficulty with these.

After this incident I went home and did what I should have done long ago, not only to avoid this frustration each time I grocery shop, but to do the right thing for the planet – I ordered reusable produce bags. I no longer have to fight to open a plastic storage bag at the market due to the ease of opening these.

Ann Chechile
Monson

A rotten 'trick'

To whoever threw eggs at the home on Thorndike on Oct. 30: "If brains were lard, you couldn't grease a small skillet."

Doreen LeDuc
Ware

Election letters to the editor welcome

The *Journal Register* welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to mharrison@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call editor Michael Harrison at 413-283-8393.

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Appreciating local animals, shelters and staffs

By Joan E. B. Coombs

Owning a pet and taking care of it is one of life's greatest experiences.

Caring for a pet teaches responsibility and a ritual work ethic. The caretaker also learns from observing an animal grow, and playfully interacting with it. And, the hours of attention and affection are both reciprocal and enjoyable.

This is something many local residents and area organizations dedicated to the welfare of pets know all too well.

Throughout our children's growing up years, our family enjoyed adopting cats, dogs, fish, gerbils, rabbits, and just about any other four-legged critter that needed a home, or was abandoned, attracted to our home, or had rambled across our yard

(however, we completely avoided adopting any of the visiting skunks).

One of America's most beloved cartoonists, Charles Schulz, illustrated hours of interaction between his characters, Snoopy and Charlie Brown. One of his animal-loving quotes was, "Happiness is a warm puppy." And, one of our adopted puppies from a mongrel litter, lived until our young children grew into college-attending adults.

All of those years overflowed not only with daily chores, but also endless hours of happiness.

The first full week of November was "National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week" and The Humane Society of the United States celebrates



JOAN E. B. COOMBS

and honors animal shelters, staffs and volunteers that work and help protect animals. Animal shelters provide vital and exceptional services to local communities. Not only is it a safe haven for animals, it's a great place to find and adopt a new family pet! It's also a place where children can learn how to care for pets.

Some years ago, during a winter school vacation, we found an abandoned Border Collie pup at a Springfield school where we involved in. Although frightened and freezing, we were able to coax him into our van, take him home and feed him. "Buddy" was given a collar; gentle rubs 'n' hugs and warm laps and eventually a warm bed of his own.

Over the next six weeks, we called many shelters and veterinarian clinics, in the greater Springfield area – because that's where we found the pup – to see if anyone had lost a dog. Both The Dakin Humane Society and the Thomas J. O'Conner Animal Control and Adoption Center in Springfield and every other place we called said that no one had listed a lost, black and white Border Collie pup. However, it was so heartwarming to learn how each place was eager to serve the public and help animals and families connect.

Thankfully, after six weeks, (that seemed like six months) "Buddy" became officially part of family and he greeted all who entered our home with laps and welcoming "woofs."

Dogs and cats are some of the most loved family pets. However, pet

homelessness is a big problem. About 6 to 8 million stray animals seek refuge each year in about 3,500 shelters across the United States.

Ludlow Open Forum is a Facebook group that, among many other topics, is incredibly encouraging for animal lovers! Often families post weekly photos of missing pets, or found pets, or animals that are roaming back yards. The community response is amazing. For this animal lover, it's also been heartwarming to see families offer their care and concerns especially when pets aren't found.

And, it's so inspiring to see so many Ludlow families eager to help find to reunite pets to their owners.

P.S. It's O.K. to show your appreciation of area animals, shelters, staffs and animal lovers anytime!

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This is particularly acute for veterans who served multiple deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan after has come to be known as the “War on Terror” began shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the U.S. Earlier this fall, U.S. troops were withdrawn from Afghanistan, effectively ending America’s longest war. Tens of thousands of service members deployed in the past 20 years were serving with National Guard and Reserve units that prior to 9/11 were typically active for domestic duty.

“Active duty, when they come back, they have full support, 24 hours a day, seven days a week,” Dunfield said.

“They have everything they need right there. But reservists who are called from their civilian jobs to deploy and go into these situations and come back, they’re thrown back into society into their normal jobs and their normal day-to-day routines. And there’s a hole there because there’s a disconnect. They’ve just gone through whatever they’ve gone through, whether it’s in a combat location or not and now their civilian lives are just super complicated.”

Each of the veterans stressed the conviction that the community at large can make a difference by embracing veterans who are spiraling. Just listening can help, they said.

“Because the VA can only do so much. You can lead a horse to water but you can’t force it to drink. It’s about bringing that awareness up there to get the general public to realize that there are a lot of veterans out there that have a lot of mental health issues and they don’t know to seek help. So by raising awareness, it’s getting the whole community involved in saying, OK, this guy is a veteran. He’s struggling. Let’s step up and help him and get him the tools that he needs to help himself by maybe bringing him to the VA.”

His sister agrees. “Like my brother said, these veterans are struggling with mental health issues and aren’t getting the services that they need and should get because they earned it by fighting for this country,” Dunfield, of Brimfield, said.

“We need to educate the public on the signs of PTSD and how they can help before someone becomes one of the 22 taking their lives,” Chartier said.

Although there’s much more to be done, Chartier said he believes there’s been some progress since the first 90-Mile March.

“Absolutely,” he said.

“When President Trump was in office, he kind of untied the hands of the Veteran’s Administration. They were allowed to treat patients a lot better and a lot quicker.”

He referred to programs like one that gave Germain a lift in recent years.

“They helped me find a job after I got back from my deployment and I had left my other job,” he said.

Now he works in fabrication with a Chicopee company.

“They worked with me and gave me the tools to build my resume and things like that,” Germain said.

During the march, Dunfield said, her thoughts also turn to soldiers from other eras who overcame hardships in war, sometimes because they were ill-equipped.

“I’m walking and, yeah, my feet hurt. But I’m thinking about the guys in World War I who lost toes because it was so cold and they didn’t have proper boots or socks,” she said.

“And about the guys in Vietnam who had foot rot because they didn’t have good boots and good socks. So as much as my blisters hurt me, I try to remember that the people that went before me endured so much more sure.”

The veterans, who marched into Boston Monday, said they couldn’t have done it without the accompaniment of two drivers – Navy veteran Carl Bean and Chartier’s wife Vivian following close by.

“I’ll tell you what, I wouldn’t be out here doing this without them because I wouldn’t feel safe without these two pace cars,” Chartier said.

“I’ve got to give kudos to the Vivian, because when I first presented her with the idea, and it took me a couple of months to convince myself I was able to do it, she jumped right on board and she’s been the biggest supporter that I’ve had since we started this six years ago.”

They all appreciated their stop in Palmer and the reception they received.

“Palmer’s phenomenal,” Chartier said.

“They emptied the high school of all their students and bought out the marching band. They’re absolutely wonderful. And we have to thank the Palmer Police Department for being out there, keeping the children as well as us safe from traffic.”

To learn more, go 90milmarch.org or visit 90-Mile March on Facebook.

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said. “So it’s just bring whatever. (Gifts for) all ages and genders needed.”

The assistance, Chiacchia said, “is 100 percent confidential. Just reach out.”

Chiacchia, who joined the Palmer Lions Club last year, said the club, as well as local business partners, are doing all they can to pitch in for their neighbors in need.

Demore’s Automotive is sponsoring a toy drive at Palmer High School, where students have a chance to win \$500 and a pizza party for their assistance. Tables at the Farm restaurant offers patrons a chance to enter a raffle with proceeds going to the cause.

“It’s going great,” Chiacchia said.

The winning raffle tickets will be selected during a Facebook livestream on Nov. 27.

Chiacchia couldn’t say enough about Demore’s, which has forged a reputation to stepping up for local causes.

“They help out so much,” Chiacchia said.

“Demore’s is a wonderful asset to Palmer. They’re amazing. They helped me with the Easter egg hunt. They always go above and beyond for the community.”

Santa’s Elves of Palmer started as a Facebook group last year. Chiacchia was inspired by a friend in Monson who was collecting toys for children in that neighboring town. The group now has about 500 members.

If this year’s Stuff the Cruiser is as successful as last year’s, Chiacchia said it will go a long way toward putting smiles on kids’ faces this Christmas as well.

“Last year was amazing,” she said. “Cruiser after cruiser came with toys. It’s just the greatest feeling. I love it.”

Her daughters Lianna Carrasquillo, 14, and Catherine Chiacchia, 4, are helping, too, and her youngest is especially enjoying it.

“She’s all about this,” Catherine’s mom said.

“She knows we help kids and loves doing it.”

Need toys for Christmas?

If you or a family you know needs toys for Christmas, message Santa’s Elves of Palmer through the group’s Facebook page or email Chiacchia at l.jodoin@yahoo.com. The deadline to request toys is Nov. 15.

Want to help?

Anyone who wants to participate is asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy – all ages are needed – and a non-perishable food donation to the Stuff the Cruiser event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 4, at the Palmer Police Department, 4417 Main Street. To learn more about Santa’s Elves, visit the group on Facebook or email Chiacchia.

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Second year doing it. The Lions Club isn’t doing it and the president asked if I wanted to become a members. Palmer Lions Club, Santa’s Elves and Delores’ auto.

Demore’s sponsoring a toy drive at Palmer High. Have a chance to win \$500 and a pizza.

Origin: I had a vision and one of my grislir in Monson was doing it and said why don’t you start one in Palmer. Same thing, people are still misplaced by covid. 100 percent condiefnetial just reach out and I’ll. Me and my daughter 0 she actually came up with the name.

Remember sacrifices living veterans have made

By Beverly Prestwood-Taylor
Guest columnist

This year as we observe Veterans Day, we remember the sacrifices of all our living veterans and their

families. We especially honor those who have served in our longest war, the war in Afghanistan, which ended this past August.

More than 775,000 men and women served in Afghanistan, with over 222,000 deployed twice and 12,000 deployed more than five times. About 10% of those who served on the ground in Afghanistan saw active combat. About 2,460 died and over 20,000 were wounded. Many who served in combat still grieve the loss of cherished friends who died. Some struggle with the return to normal life after having been changed by their multiple deployments. While the transition is always challenging, most veterans of Afghanistan are managing the shift back to their homes, families, and new jobs, bringing that unique combination of discipline, loyalty and punctuality, which characterizes our veteran community.

As difficult as it has been for most of us to watch the aftermath of our departure from Afghanistan, it has been exponentially more difficult for our Afghanistan, Iraq and Vietnam veterans. Countless publications, news services and podcasts have analyzed what could have/should have been done differently in the last 20 years from various points of view. We do need to study, reflect and learn from the choices, policies and insights surrounding our involvement in Afghanistan.

However, Veterans Day is not the day to debate, but the day to honor. I hope we will afford extra respect and attention to our veterans in these days, so they have a place where they can express their pride, sorrow, anger, despair, uncertainty, or whatever they are feeling, without hearing judgement or even our opinion. Simply listen, acknowledge and appreciate the personal sacrifices that they and their families have made.

Did you know that over 45% of the Armed Forces who served in combat on the ground in Afghanistan and Iraq were from our National Guard? (Operation Enduring Freedom 2001-2014; Operation Freedom ‘s Sentinel 2015-2021; Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003-2011; Operation New Dawn Sept. 2010- Dec. 2011, Operation Inherent Resolve 2014-)

Our Guard is comprised of citizen soldiers employed in the civilian workforce who train one weekend a month, ready to be activated by the state or the federal government when needed. The build-

ing you pass driving from Ware to Palmer on Rt. 32 is one of several Armories where Army and Air Force National Guard train. The Armory in Ware is home to the 747th Military Police, a unit of the Army National Guard especially trained to serve alongside our domestic police forces when called upon.

In addition to having served in combat in Afghanistan and Iraq, our own Massachusetts Guard has been activated many times this past year to supplement scarce workers. They have been called on to assist at the Holyoke Soldiers’ Home when that institution was short-staffed and in crisis. They have been called to our nation’s capital as guards, and to our state capital to help maintain order. They have been the extra hands distributing vaccines, helping with COVID-19 testing for school students, driving buses, supplementing the short-staffed Department of Corrections and filling many other gaps during the pandemic.

Often the sacrifice of our National Guard is unseen. They are activated, serve and then return home without much fanfare from the general public. Though not all Guard members are officially in the ‘veteran’ category after service, they are members of our Armed Forces who serve faithfully and well.

How can you support our National Guard? First, notice the neighbor who serves in the Guard. When they are activated to distant national and international locations, they must leave home, family and job on relatively short notice. Their employers and families have to find ways to pick up the slack. The families are deeply appreciative of neighbors who step up to snow blow, mow grass and offer help with shopping, dog walking or transporting children to their activities.

On this Veterans Day, let us remember and honor all of our Armed Forces by offering a helping hand to the families, and by offering an interested and caring ear to veterans. We lift up our Afghanistan veterans and appreciate all they have given to our country. We honor our Army and Air Force National Guard and acknowledge their service and sacrifice, too.

We are grateful for the men and women who have been willing to put country before self by their commitment to serve.

Beverly Prestwood-Taylor is the chief operating officer of The Brookfield Institute, which helps members of the military and those who have served, and their families, with resilience and other needs. For more about the Institute, go to www.brookfieldinstitute.org.

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mittee. Also, a donation box will be available at the Monson Free Library and Adams Hometown Market until Nov. 15.

The annual Monson Military Care Package Drive will once again be hosted at Karen King’s house on Nov. 21. For more information on the care package drive and to learn more about what items the committee needs, visit their Facebook page, under the same name as the care package drive.

Compost dates/ times in Palmer

The following schedule will provide dates the compost area off of Old Warren Road in Palmer will be opened to allow town residents to drop off grass clippings and leaves during the fall months. Place lawn debris in brown paper bags, (no plastic bags allowed) and do not leave bags up against the locked gate. The town asks that you also practice social distancing.

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Duty on the Arkansas

On May 4, 1944, Christensen was inducted into the Navy. After boot camp and fire controlman training, he was sent to Boston to board the USS Arkansas, a Wyoming Class battleship to join the Pacific Fleet heading over into the war zone off the coast of Japan.

As a Fire Controlman Third Class, he was in charge of the firing of the 12-inch main guns during the pre-invasion assault on the Japanese-held Pacific islands of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Christensen described the ship's firepower.

"Our ship had six turrets with two by 12-inch diameter, twelve-foot long guns in each turret; two before the foremast, two between the foremast and the mainmast, and two after it." The battleship's arsenal was also supported by 21 by five-inch caliber secondary guns, two-foot by 21-inch torpedo tubes in submerged positions along her beam, and an aircraft catapult.

After checking the 12-inch guns each day, Christensen had mess duty, cooking for about 1,800 fellow sailors. At night, he learned watch repair.

"We had the optical shop on the ship," he explained.

"At night, a fella fixed watches and I would watch him at night. I learned how to do that and after I got out, I went into watch making, in 1946."

Living abroad a battleship isn't easy.

"We used to sleep on top of the turrets because it was too hot to be down below," Christensen recalled.

"All we had was our life jacket to put our head and arms on and you would leave your shoes on because if you didn't, your toes would go numb when you sleep on the iron turret. You'd have to get out there early after supper to get a spot.



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Philip Christensen of Palmer and his daughter, Laurie Desjardins. Christensen is a decorated sailor who served in World War II and trained sailors during the Korean War.

Only the first two in the back could be used because the middle one had the airplane setting for the Kingfisher airplane."

Raising of the flag on Mount Suribachi

The Arkansas fired on Iwo Jima, 750 miles off the coast of Japan, for 26 days – firing all night long every third night to dislodge and try to demoralize an enemy that was well dug into the mountainous terrain, including fortified underground bunkers. During the long artillery assault, "I was thinking soon we are going to have this war over, we were moving up, closer to Japan all the time," Christensen said.

"There was no hesitation; We just kept going every day. I was figuring my uncle, Army Colonel Albert Christie, who was a POW, captured early on in the Philippines as part of the Wainwright surrender, was going to be coming back home."

The morning of Feb. 23, 1945, started out just like the prior 25 mornings during the Naval assault on Iwo Jima.

"Every morning I was up on the deck. I had to check to see if there was any water on the sites on the guns. If so, I took it off and got the water out, cleaned it out and put it back together," Christensen said.

However, this memorable day, Christensen said he saw the raising of the first U.S. flag on Mount Suribachi on the southern shore of Iwo Jima, recalling, "While inspecting the sites on the 12-inch guns that morning, I saw the U.S. flag going up and I yelled and told everybody and they tooted the horns on the ship. That was the original flag. I was pretty happy seeing that. I am very proud of the flag they had at Iwo Jima. I did not see that second one going up with all the press. I saw the original one they put up, the smaller one that was not big enough for the General."

He's referring to Lt. Colonel Chandler Johnson, who reportedly ordered a second flag to be raised when a barrage of Japanese fire thwarted an attempt to take a photo of the initial flag raising. It was during the second flag-raising – with a notably larger U.S. flag – that Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal took his iconic photo of the scene.

"Everyone was cheering that day the flag went up, the whole boat," Christensen said.

"We were finished bombarding once the Marines landed. After the

flag raised, we moved off and went up to Okinawa. Later on, I found out that one of six (Marines), that put it up, Hansen, he was a cousin of mine from Somerville. They made a park named for him there. He was killed about 10 days later on Iwo Jima. I never knew him but he was the same age I was at the time, 25. My father and his father were cousins."

Okinawa

The USS Arkansas fired on Okinawa, an island 350 miles off the coast of Japan, for 56 days. The enemy was as well entrenched as they were on Iwo Jima. Christensen recalled his closest call with enemy fire.

"We had a spotter up on the plane guiding the telescope when we fire a gun – he tells us how to adjust the gun to fire again, up so much and left so much. So, I was in charge of making the adjustments to the gun. After it was filled and ready to fire, I would aim it on the new place to fire. This time we got a fire and the captain of the plane told us we just uncovered a coastal gun on the island and gave the command to fire for effect. Then he told us the Japanese were running to man the gun.

"We were in close to the island at that time. They got one shot off at us, only, from an 8-inch gun on the island. It went between the mainmast and the foremast. I was up on the mainmast, the second highest point of the ship. Fortunately, it went between the masts and did not touch anyone. That's the only shot fired at us I knew of. We moved out and another ship came in to supposedly knock it out. Two days later, the USS Tennessee was going by further out and was hit three times from that same gun. Then the gun was finally knocked out. We were lucky that day we were in there."

On the final day of firing on Okinawa, Christensen recalls wondering what was in store for U.S. forces.

"We had been 56 days firing at Okinawa and nowhere near ready to take it over and then we would have to still move up into Japan and I wondered how many more days more and how many more lives would be killed. Without that (atomic) bomb ordered by (President) Harry Truman, we would have fought for a long time. When the war in Okinawa ended, every ship was shooting up fireworks in the sky in the whole area, just like Fourth of July. The whole place was lit up that night for hours."

Christensen almost had his reunion with his uncle while in Okinawa, recalling, "When we were in Okinawa, my uncle came into the harbor on the hospital ship, USS Hope. He was in the same harbor I was at and I did not even know that though at the time. The next

day, we got ready to come home to Pearl Harbor. From there you were transferred. Most all the ships went into Pearl Harbor – it's about half way across between Japan and the US. Some people were transferred off, another group came to take their place."

Coming home

After passing through Pearl Harbor, Christensen returned with his ship to Seattle, Wash. The next day, he was unexpectedly reunited with his uncle, Colonel Albert Christie, when his uncle came and found him at his dock.

"My mother had written to me and told me to look up my grandfather's brother's family, who traveled across the Oregon trail to get free property and settled in that area," Christensen said.

"I was trying to figure out how to get off the ship and go find him from the route number my mother sent me. All of a sudden over the loud speaker I hear, 'Philip Christensen come to the main gate.' I had no idea where that was. I had to get directions because I had not been off the ship yet. So, I go walking along and all of a sudden someone yells, 'PHILIP!' I look across and there is my uncle, the Colonel, and everyone is scrambling around him, saluting. My uncle made it home and somehow found me! I couldn't believe it! My uncle got me off my ship and took me to my grandfather's brother's house in that area for a visit. We stayed there overnight and he brought me back the next morning."

Civilian life started off with an immediate challenge.

"The Navy decided anyone with three dependents would be given a hardship discharge," Christensen recalled.

"So, I made out the papers and after six weeks they decided I had four dependents waiting for me. However, when I got home my wife left me and I was left to raise my three kids on my own for a while."

On the USS Arkansas, Christensen suffered a 50% hearing loss in one ear and a 20% hearing loss in the other.

"My station was the second highest point on the ship," he said.

"I had my ear phones on, but gave them to my relief. About 10 minutes later, a 12-inch gun went off below us without any warning. I had no protection at that time. I never reported it because the officer in charge at the time said there was no blood, so my eardrum was OK. Apparently, my other ear was so good I did not know. At age 89, the VA finally determined my injury came from that day."

Christensen added, "After the war, back home I met the Chaplain on the island at the time, he was a minister. Chaplain Gage Holderling – a Baptist minister from the Acres in Springfield and the Agawam Baptist after that. He was on the shore who did all the burying of the soldiers. He later told me every one of those bodies were brought back to the U.S. or an American territory. If nobody claimed the body, they were buried at Pearl Harbor in a cemetery."

Christensen would eventually visit Pearl Harbor, in 1975, to pay tribute to all the fallen heroes buried there.

Training the 'boots' for Korea

Shortly after returning home, Christensen received a call from the U.S. Navy Reserve. "They called me up and told me they had 96 'boots' and no one to teach them and wondered if I would go teach them because all the rated men were gone to fight in the Korean War. I said I was on a hardship discharge. They told me they would fix that for me. So, I said 'yes'

and I taught the boots for almost a year."

Later on, Christensen would be called back into active service for a second assignment during the Korean War, with the Navy granting authority to "retain this man."

"I was put on special assignment in the Korean War (then) sent to Germany instead of going to Korea. The Russians had returned two ice breakers we lent them during the second World War. I went over there and rebuilt them so we could bring them back to the United States. We installed the radar, sonar, and set up two radio shacks on both ships," he said.

"Coming home, I was the helmsman with a duty of the driving of the second ship. Coming down where the English Channel goes into the Atlantic Ocean is very rough. An ice breaker has no keel, it just rolls and rolls. We went over 54 degrees on our side. Forty-five is half-way! It came back over again and again that night when the captain came on deck and asked me, 'What was that roll?' and I told him, '54 degrees, sir.' He said, 'I thought so – you threw me out of my bunk!'"

A few days out from entering the port of Boston, Christensen noticed the American flag was not flying from the mast. He investigated and was told there was a broken lanyard and they did not have anyone to climb up the mast to fix it. He did not hesitate to volunteer.

"So, I climbed up the mast and put it in. Probably about 40 feet high with the ship rolling, so part of the time you are out over the open water. Finally, I got it hooked in there and dropped it back down and saw the captain on the deck and the whole crew, all looking up and watching me. I came down and the captain asked me, 'Who told you to do that?' and I said, 'nobody, sir. I just saw there was no flag and they told me they had a broken lanyard. I asked if they had a new one and then took it and went up and fixed it.' I was told, OK now that you are back down, but if something had happened up there, I would have been hung! He's in command and I never even thought about it but when we sailed into Boston Harbor, we had our American flag flying on our ship."

Healthy living at age 102

Christensen offers a message to living a long life.

"I have been more than blessed in my life," he said.

"Enjoy everything you can in life. There's something good in everything and everybody. I don't smoke and I don't drink alcohol. I do not drink coffee or tea and drink 1 percent milk at every meal. I also think it's in my family genes. I have a younger brother who is 100 years old, and another is 91 years old. My other brother died at age 93."

His daughter Laurie has more insight.

"He gets up every day and does some type of work. He believes that you get up and do something every day. He volunteers a lot," she said.

For the past 78 years, Christensen has been an active Mason, served as Lodge Master in 1964 at age 50, and at age 100 raised a new candidate. For 57 years, he has volunteered with the Shriners, as part of their Vintage Auto Unit, and was frequently seen throughout the years in local town parades in his maroon 1967 Chevy Malibu convertible. He is also an active member of the Second Congregational Church in Palmer.

As the patriarch of his family, and married to his second wife Shirley since 1960, they raised eight children. The oldest son, Chuck, is 80 years old and served in the Navy on submarines. He also has 22 grandchildren, one served in the Air Force, and one is currently in the Marines, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Christensen added, "I'm still enjoying myself after all these years. This past Sunday I was out to my cottage at the lake. The docks and rafts were pulled in. My kids tell me I have done something right with having a fun place to go all these years."

A message to young people

Christensen offers a final message to young people:

"Be yourself and don't let anyone tell you what to do," he said.

"Enjoy life, we won't be here long. Live it to its fullest, and most importantly, just be your own person. Don't be afraid to volunteer, work together as a team in life."

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Beth Picknelly, of Longmeadow, and John Lynch, of Hampden, were two members of 4Run3 that participated in the Monson Memorial Classic half-marathon.



Rich Ladew (right), who will be taking over as race director next year, oversees the start of the 5K race.



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The hard-working crew that prepared the food to nourish the runners in Memorial Hall.



Theodora LePage, of Westfield, was the top female finisher of the 5K with a time of 23:50:3.



Matt Provost, of Monson, who won the 5K with a time of 17:35:7.



Antonio Wilson, of East Boston, wins the half-marathon with a time of 1:10:10.



Regan Rume, of Providence, R.I., checks her time after crossing the finish line of the half-marathon with a time of 1:17:47.

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next year's race director, and said he was learning a lot about what makes the annual event come off successfully.

"We couldn't have asked for better weather," he said.

"But I've learned how much goes into this, like making sure all the water stops have water, and tying buckets together for the chute at the end."

After Nicole Ouimet, of Monson, sang the National Anthem, young and old made their way to the starting line — spurred on by the traditional bagpipe tones of the Quaboag Highlanders. Both the 5K and the 13.1-mile, half-marathon ended in front of Memorial Hall and were timed by RaceWire LLC.

The top male finisher of the 5K was Matt Provost, of Monson, with a time of 17:35:7, and the top female finisher was Theodora LePage, of Westfield, with a time of 23:50:3. The former said he had run the race a few years, and the latter said this was her first time at the event.

"I'm a member of the Empire One Running Club, and I heard about this race from some other people," LePage said. "It's a very hilly and challenging course."

Meanwhile, winners of the half-marathon included top male finisher Antonio Wilson, of East

Boston, with a time of 1:10:10, and top female finisher Regan Rume, of Providence, R.I., with a time of 1:17:47.

Rume acknowledged the Memorial Classic was her first half-marathon, and it was a particularly difficult first-time effort.

"I love Western Mass this time of year, and I love running here," she said. "This was very challenging, but the runners really support each other out there."

Williams credited those who have supported the race, including longtime volunteer Shala Perry-Moore, who assembled the team of cooks that prepared many pounds of food, from pasta to fruit, for the hungry racers. While Perry-Moore and her fellow volunteers said they will be stepping back in planning next year, they will be available to assist those who come on board.

Also on hand was Steve Cleary, of Waterford, Conn., who provided entertainment as the race drew to a close.

Williams thanked Monson Highway Surveyor Ben Murphy, who helped navigate the race through a pending bridge project on Stafford Hollow Road by negotiating with the state Department of Transportation, as well as Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz, who not only facilitated the town's assistance but stepped in at the reg-

istration table.

"I can't thank the leadership enough," Williams said.

Also on hand was Dan Moriarty, president of Monson Savings Bank, that provides the biggest financial support of the event.

"I have run the race in the past, but things are pretty busy for me now," Moriarty said. "But we're glad to be able to help out this great race."

The beneficiary of race proceeds was Griffin's Friends, which supports treatment of children with cancer as well as their families. The group was founded in 1994 in honor of Griffin D. Kelleher, who passed away from cancer when he was only 14 months old.

"I'm just really impressed that there's a bunch of people that are supporting Lee in what she's doing," said Griffin's Friends member Charles Casartello, of Longmeadow.

"We have been helping out where we can, at the water stops. Our organization works through Baystate Health and we do our best for not only children but whatever the families need. We are doing what we can to support them during the holidays, trying to make Thanksgiving and Christmas special for them."

While the COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on

fundraising activities, he and fellow members on hand Sunday said that they fortunately had successful virtual running events that brought in tens of thousands of dollars.

"We can't thank the generous people enough," he said.

Participants varied from first time runners like seventh grader Madelyn Moreau, who just joined the Monson cross country team, to 4Run3 members John Lynch, of Hampden, and Beth Picknelly, of Longmeadow.

"I have run for Griffin's Friends in the past," Picknelly said. "I had a friend in college whose mother unfortunately had breast cancer and

this is a cause I really believe in."

And while some ran to support the cause, others were just grateful to be out on the road after so many months away from organized racing. This included Stephanie Flowers, of Monson, whose family and friends cheered her on.

"I ran this race in 2018, but I haven't really been in an event in two-and-a-half years," she said. "I'm familiar with running in Monson but this course has a lot of hills and you really have to work to get through it."

And organizers proudly pointed out that the event is now multi-generational; Jack Perry's sons Jesse

and Jeremie took part in the race.

Williams said while Ladew and others will take the lead in the race in the coming years, it will always be near and dear to her heart.

"This race will always be my baby, and it's amazing it's been going for 25 years," she said. "There were so many top-notch runners who came to the race, who'd never attended before."

For a full list of winners and for more information, visit monsonmemorialclassic.com.

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Two-dozen vendors will be at the ABC Holiday Fair at Faith Community Chapel Saturday. Everything from décor to hand-painted mugs and knitted hats and scarfs, to Native-American and African art and crafts will be available.

Faith Community Chapel invites everyone to its 8th annual ABC Holiday Fair

LUDLOW — The eighth ABC Holiday Fair of Art, Baked Goods and Crafts will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in the large Fellowship Hall at Faith Community Chapel, 485 East Street in Ludlow.

Also in the hall, a table of fresh, home-made baked goods packaged in “on the go” sizes will be available.

Stop by the ever-popular “Chef Paul’s Café” hosted in St. Francis Hall, and be served a light breakfast starting at 10:30 a.m. and enjoy a lunch of fall favorites: corn chowder, chili, grilled cheese and grilled ham and cheese sandwiches until 2 p.m.

“Our ABC Fair will again feature a fall Farmer’s Market by D. R. Farms of Hampden,” said Alice Chenault, chair.

“There will be 24 vendors, with many new hand-crafted items: acrylic and watercolor paintings, afghans, alcohol ink on tile and glass, bow-tastic bows, corn hole games boards and bags, crocheted and stuffed animals, decorative towels, door decorations and signs, glass décor and crafts, hand-painted mugs and knitted hats and scarfs, indoor and outdoor welcome signs,

macramé, one-of-a-kind jewelry and trinkets, soy candles, wood décor and wreaths.”

Saturday’s event will have several local authors display their books, including Wendy B. Farley, author of “Season’s Strangers,” “Season’s Shadows,” and “Secluded Summer at Hidden Havens” – all fiction books of inspirational romance and mystery. Andrea Veras, author and artist, will have copies of her new book, “A Doll for Christmas”, a story about a Dominican girl, written in Spanish and English. She will also be displaying more of her small, artistic creations.

Returning for her eighth year, vendor Trudi Calberg will display Avon products along with exhibiting her “Crafty Creation” sewing skills and showing her new craft lines of flannel blankets, scarfs and pillows.

“This year several exhibitors will be displaying local, national and international talent,” said Pastor Margaret Scott.

“As former missionaries in several African countries, (my husband) Jon and I are involved in the Education Development United Fund, a non-profit organization that develops resources for the sup-

port of African students in need of Church of the Nazarene Christian educational scholarships, endowments and other related educational endeavors. Artwork, artifacts and other unique items will also be available to bless and benefit this educational endeavor.”

Native American/ indigenous people advocate Lisse Renaud, of non-profit Stone’s Vision Intertribal Band, will feature handcrafted and crocheted items “to provide clothing and food to people both on and off reservations that can use help.”

Brazilian talent will be showcased by Tania Graef as she successfully exhibits many of her unique, hand-painted decorative signs, floral vases and intricate box designs.

“We appreciate all our vendors,” said Chenault.

“Freshly-brewed coffees and home-made goodies are available throughout the day for them.”

As in all prior years, ABC FAIR attendees are invited to bring Thanksgiving non-perishable food donations for the Community Survival Center. Decorated and designated boxes for the food collection will be near the parking lot entrance.

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NBSB matching donations for those in need

NORTH BROOKFIELD — As we say goodbye to summer and the leaves start to turn, North Brookfield Savings Bank is gearing up for its Annual Fall Food Drive fundraiser, offering the perfect chance to share some kindness, support the Community and help those in need during the season of giving.

North Brookfield Savings Bank’s Fall Food Drive fundraiser, ongoing until Nov. 20, helps provide much-needed food items to local neighbors and families in need. For every item collected through the Community, North Brookfield Savings Bank will contribute \$1, for a total of up to \$3,000, to help fund the pantries’ operations. The Bank’s goal is to collect at least 3,500 items total, but the Bank will be contributing monetarily and is issuing a challenge to the community.

Community members are encouraged to drop off nonperishable food items, paper goods, toiletries, or any monetary donations at any of NBSB’s convenient branches with the proceeds going directly to local food pantries.

Drop off locations include:

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Examples of nonperishable and non-food items that pantries can use are paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, diapers, and baby wipes; deodorant, soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste; dry and canned pasta and soups, canned meats, tuna and salmon, peanut butter, jelly, tea bags, and ground coffee; canned vegetables and fruits, hot and cold cereals, rice, cake mixes, pancake mix, syrup, powdered milk, and granulated sugar; canned juices, baby food, baby formula, granola, and cereal bars.

“The unfortunate reality is that there are people who still struggle with hunger close to home in our local communities. The Food Drive is a great opportunity for local community members and North Brookfield Savings Bank to work together to make a real difference in our communities by helping our neighbors,” said North Brookfield Savings Bank SVP / Chief Administrative and Human Resource Officer Andrea Healy.

“It is always heartwarming to see the kindness and generosity displayed through this drive by our communities, and we are so grateful for the contributions they make each year.”

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Crafters, artisans and vendors needed

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the church, 16 Sturbridge Road in Brimfield.

Tables are \$35 each and covers both days for vendors to display and sell their goods. Additional activities will be happening including raffles and the kitchen will be serving throughout the day. To reserve a spot, call the parish at 413-245-7274 days or email Stchriswc@gmail.com. Required Covid protocols at the time of the fair will be in place.

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FOOTBALL

Panthers coast to first-round victory

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—During the final three games of the regular season, the Palmer football team outscored their opponents, 170-28.

The third-seeded Panthers continued to play well on both sides of the ball in a Division 8 state tournament round of 16 game over the 14th-seeded Brighton Bengals. The Panthers coasted to a 45-18 victory before a large crowd at Legion Field last Friday night.

“I thought it was very important for us to start the game off quickly, especially against a team, who traveled a long distance on a school bus to get here,” said Palmer head coach Matt Marciniac. “We did play very well during the first half. This is my biggest win as a head coach.”

It was Palmer’s (8-1) first ever home playoff game. Their only loss during the regular season was on the road against archrival Ware. The Panthers last home loss was against Drury two years ago.

“It turned out to be a fun night,”

Marciniac said. “The players enjoyed playing games on this field and they’re very glad that we didn’t have to travel any place to play a game.”

It was also the Panthers first playoff victory since 2016 when they upset South Hadley, 20-15 in the Western Mass. Division 4 semifinals before losing to Wahconah Regionals in the Division 4 finals, which was held at Holyoke High School. The Panthers also lost at Wahconah in the 2017 Western Mass. Division 7 semifinals.

The Panthers will be hosting the 11th-seeded Oxford Pirates in a quarterfinal match-up at 7pm on Friday night. The Pirates (6-2) advanced into the quarterfinals after defeating sixth-seeded Quaboag, 28-14, on the road, last Friday night.

The Palmer coaching staff is a little more familiar with Quaboag than they are with Oxford, which is located about 15 miles south of Worcester.

“We scrimmaged Quaboag before the start of the regular season and I also know their coaching staff

very well,” Marciniac said. “I’ve only watched a little bit of film on Oxford, but they’re a very good football team.”

The Panthers seniors, who are hoping to continue their journey towards the Division 8 Super Bowl game at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, are Anthony Ukrainets, Jack Letendre, Brady Goguen, Trey Yesu, Michael Ziemba II, Chance Lee, Ethan Tremblay, Xavier Nava, Trinal Cooper, Robert Burke, Richard Ingrassia, Roman Cardenales, Logan Fontaine, and Jaden Nava.

“The senior class is awesome,” Marciniac said. “All of them have been members of the football team for the past couple of years and they’ve done an outstanding job of leading this year’s team on and off the field.”

The Panthers held a commanding 38-12 halftime lead in last Friday’s contest against Brighton (4-4).

“I was expecting it to be a grind it out type of a game tonight,” Mar-

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SOCCER

Mustangs dispatch first opponent



Hannah Murphy turns and makes a pass-back.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

MONSON – In the first game of the new Division 5 state tournament, top-seeded Monson, with a perfect 19-0 record following a Western Mass. championship win, took care of St. John Paul II School 5-0 last Saturday afternoon. Monson started off slow, but then picked up with about 14 minutes remain-

ing in the first half. The Mustangs scored three goals in a span of about five minutes, including scores by Tennessee Murphy and Kendall Bodak. Monson was next scheduled to play in the Round of 16 on Tuesday afternoon. The quarterfinal round is set for this weekend.



Kendall Bodak runs into a defender and falls back.



Emma Murphy recovers a ball on the defensive end and makes her way up the field.



Tennessee Murphy turns and heads for the goal after receiving a pass.



Aniah Myrie socks a goal kick in the air.

SOCCER



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The Pathfinder boys soccer team gathers after finishing as the runner-up in the state vocational tournament.

Pioneers fall to Westfield Tech in vocational final



Nathan Bigda attempts a header.



Josh Blaine reaches out for a touch.



Seth Mitchell dribbles up the field.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—The Pathfinder boys’ soccer team didn’t have very much trouble winning 15 of their first 18 regular season matches.

The Pioneers didn’t play very well in the Small Schools Vocational championship match against the Westfield Tech Tigers, who celebrated a 4-2 road victory on November 1.

“We just picked a terrible time to play our worst game of the year,” said Pathfinder head coach Kevin Aldrich. “It’s a very disappointing

loss for us. Westfield Tech played hard, and they just wanted it a little more than we did. They outplayed us today and you just have to tip your caps to them.”

The Pioneers (15-2-2), who won the Tri-County League title, were also the top-seeded team in the Western Mass. Class C tournament. They lost to fifth-seeded Mt. Greylock in the Western Mass. semifinals in a penalty shootout.

“I don’t think there was any hangover effect from our loss in the Western Mass. semifinals last week,” Aldrich said. “We played very well in that match and we lost

in penalty kicks. We just didn’t have it from the start in today’s game. We were missing a little bit of that spark.”

It was the first time that any of the Pioneers had played in the Vocational championship match.

The Tigers (16-0-3), who are the Bi-County league champions, entered the championship match with a little extra motivation. They were somehow left out in the cold during the Western Mass. tournament, which used a new power ranking system based on strength

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Unified basketball returns

Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Tyler Norling shoots near the hoop.



Diana Gagne works through defense to score.



Collin Mederios goes for the score.



Pete Jones takes an easy layup.



Michael Dee takes a free throw.

MONSON – Late last month, the Monson High School Unified Basketball team made their return

to action, taking Holyoke High School. Monson has a number of games scheduled throughout the

month before a jamboree that takes place at the end of the season.

New state tournament yields high seeds for Palmer, Monson

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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PALMER – While there is certainly a lot of trepidation about the ongoing Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association state tournaments, Palmer and Monson girls soccer are among the teams that have benefited from the ranking system that has been put in place to gauge the performance of teams through the state.

Monson High School girls soccer went a perfect 18-0 in games that counted toward their state ranking.

Monson not only had another great winning season, but the Mustangs just dominated the competition.

In 16 games, the Mustangs

were only scored upon in six of the games, and only twice did a team score two goals, and it was well after starters exited the games. Meanwhile, six or seven goals was a regularity by the Monson offense, which has tons of weapons on both sides of field. The defense also performed extremely well, helping goalie Emily Provost record 12 shutouts this season.

Provost also recorded a shut-out in the playoff opener against St. John Paul II. Monson's second round opponent in the 32-team tournament (which also featured qualifying matches among extra teams with .500 or better records), was scheduled to Hull High School on Tuesday.

The Mustangs hope to host a quarterfinal game this weekend.

Palmer High School, meanwhile, sits on the other side of the bracket, with a date against Mystic Valley in the round of 16, the second round of the tournament.

Palmer finished with amazing record as well, going 16-1-1 and also winning a sectional tournament in Class C for Western Mass.

Palmer has some great scorers in Maddy Theriault and her sister Charlotte Theriault. Their offense was also tough to match, and their defense also performed very well in 2021, which was only scored upon in eight games this season. Their only loss was in their opener again Division 3 Belchertown, a Class B Western Mass. champion.

Palmer was seeded No. 3 in the tournament and drew a local

matchup in the first round, defeating Greenfield 7-1 last Saturday.

Under the new tournament format, placing in the first four seeds gives you a distinct advantage for the tournament. The higher seed hosts games in the first three rounds. The semifinals and finals are held at neutral sites.

Even more interesting, in a new tournament where teams from every corner of Massachusetts are meeting, in many cases, for the first time ever, it could be two Western Mass. teams meeting for the state title.

With the seeding position of both teams, the only way Palmer and Monson will meet this season would be in the state finals. Ironically, the two teams did not have a regular season meeting in 2021.

T-Birds point streak broken by Bears

HERSHEY, Penn. – The Springfield Thunderbirds (7-1-2-0) saw their nine-game point streak come to an end in a 5-3 defeat at the hands of the Hershey Bears (5-2-2-1) on Sunday afternoon at the Giant Center.

Unlike a night ago, the offense did not come as easily for the T-Birds in the opening period on Sunday, as Zach Fucale and the Bears defense fended off parts of two Springfield power plays in the first, with the Hershey netminder stopping all 10 shots that came into his crease.

After a scoreless opening half of the frame, the Bears finally broke the ice at the 13:52 mark on the power play when former T-Bird Mike Sgarbosa picked up his own rebound from a left-point shot and deposited it past a fallen Charlie Lindgren to give Hershey a 1-0 lead.

1:04 later, a breakdown in the neutral zone from Springfield gave Joe Snively a breakaway, and the Bears forward beat Lindgren on the backhand to extend the lead to 2-0 after the opening period.

The response would be swift for the T-Birds in the second, however, beginning with a spinning left-circle shot by MacKenzie MacEachern that ticked off Dakota Joshua and past Fucale to cut the lead to 2-1 at the 11:05 mark of period two. Springfield's power play then deadlocked the score at 14:56 as Nathan Todd took a

drop pass in the slot from Matthew Peca and ripped a wrist shot off the leg of a Hershey defender before it glanced into the net. Scott Perunovich picked up the secondary helper and extended his point streak to a T-Birds' team-record nine consecutive games.

It appeared the Thunderbirds had good luck going their way early in the third when Logan Brown broke the tie with a power play goal at 2:39 to give Springfield its first lead 3-2. It was a fortuitous bounce for Brown, as Nolan Stevens' initial shot from the slot deflected off a stick, then off of Fucale's glove before sitting right in the crease for Brown to jam into the empty net on the backhand. The goal was Brown's second in as many games.

However, the night was not meant to be for the T-Birds, as Kale Kessy tied the game on an odd-man rush at 5:06, 3-3. A late Hershey power play spelled the T-Birds' doom when Snively picked up another fortunate hop off the shin pads of a T-Birds shot block and beat Lindgren with just 3:09 to play. Snively added an empty-netter for the hat trick and the 5-3 win for the Bears.

It was the first time all season that the Thunderbirds fell in regulation time. Their record sits at 7-1-2-0 before they next visited the Providence Bruins Wednesday night at the Dunkin' Donuts Center.

HoopHall Classic makes return in 2022

SPRINGFIELD — The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the field of teams and game schedule for the 2022 Spalding Hoophall Classic presented by Eastbay, an annual basketball showcase now in its 20th year at Springfield College. Games will be played at Blake Arena on the campus of Springfield College, the Birthplace of Basketball, from Jan. 13-17, 2022, during Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend.

The nation's premier basketball event will once again showcase the country's elite high school basketball teams. This year's top matchups include Montverde Academy (FL) vs. DeMatha Catholic High School (MD) and IMG Academy (FL), Prolific Prep (CA) vs. Link Year Prep (MO) and Sunrise Christian School (KS) vs. Wasatch Academy (UT). Complete broadcast information will be released at a later date.

"After having to unfortunately cancel last year's event, the Basketball Hall of Fame could not be more excited to resume its longstanding tradition of hosting the nation's top prep players and programs to the Birthplace of Basketball," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. "We are bringing back this event in a big way, as we have one of the most talented fields

this showcase has ever seen in its 20 years of existence. We greatly appreciate the support of the fans and our partners, Spalding, Eastbay along with our tremendous hosts at Springfield College and other participating sponsors, for continuing to make this event possible. The Hall of Fame is proud to host one of the most storied high school showcases in the country, while celebrating the game and allowing its participants to visit our world-class museum."

Over the previous 19 editions of the event, Hoophall Classic spectators have been treated to more than 100 future NBA players and an abundance of rising talent, including NBA superstars Anthony Davis (2011), Kevin Durant (2006), Kyrie Irving (2010), Ben Simmons (2015) Jayson Tatum (2016) and Zion Williamson (2018). While last year's event was cancelled due to COVID-19, the 2020 event featured six first-round picks in the 2021 NBA Draft, including each of first four selections, in Cade Cunningham (No. 1 overall), Jalen Green (No. 2), Evan Mobley (No. 3), Scottie Barnes (No. 4), Zaire Williams (No. 10) and Jalen Johnson (No. 20). The previous 11 consecutive No. 1 overall picks in the NBA Draft have played at the Hoophall Classic as high school players.

Pioneers holding more tryouts

LUDLOW – The Western United Pioneers FC are offering supplemental tryouts for its various youth teams. For players born from 2014 to 2017, please call (413) 330-9775 for sign-ups and more information. Other tryout dates for older players will be in the coming weeks. Tryouts will go from Nov. 8 through 16. Go to www.westernunitedpioneers.org/tryouts for specific dates and times of tryouts.

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ciniec added. "I thought we would be able to score on them. We just played very well on both sides of the ball."

Leading the way offensively for the Panthers was Xavier Nava, who finished with more than 180 rushing yards, and he scored three rushing touchdowns during the first half.

"Xavier has always run the ball hard," Marciniac said. "He's been seeing the holes a lot better this year."

Nava, who's one of the co-op players from Monson High School, joined the Panthers football during the Fall II season last spring.

"When I became a member of this team last year, I just wanted to have fun playing football," Nava said. "I just love being a member of this team and I can't wait until we play our next game."

Xavier, along with his brothers, Jaden, and Sebastian, who's a sophomore on the football team, moved to Monson from Texas almost two years ago.

Lee, who's also a running back, and Letendre, who's the starting quarterback, also scored first half rushing touchdowns for the Panthers in last Friday's playoff game.

Ziembra made an 18-yard field goal before halftime. He also didn't miss any of his extra point attempts.

The key players on defense for the Panthers were junior Dominic Allen, junior Jason Cousineau, junior Keith LaVallie, junior Brady Stahelski, junior Damon Cardenales, Xavier Nava, Jaden Nava, Ukrainets, Letendre, Goguen, and Burke.

"We did give up three long touchdown passes, but overall, the defense played very well tonight," Marciniac said.

The Panthers were forced to punt with 5:46 left in the fourth quarter. Jaden Nava fumbled the snap, but after picking up the ball he sprinted 74 yards down the right sideline into the endzone for a touchdown.

Palmer will be looking to win their second ever home playoff game on Friday night.

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Athlete of the Week

Dylan Pinto

Pathfinder

Pinto scored for Pathfinder boys soccer in the finals of the vocational high school tournament held last Monday afternoon. To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.



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Wilbraham Turkey Trot returns for vaccinated runners

WILBRAHAM – Please join us on Thanksgiving morning for the return of the Wilbraham Turkey Trot - a five-mile road race up Monson Road now in its 42nd year. The annual tradition, started in 1980, has grown in recent years selling out at 500 runners the past several years. After going virtual last year due to COVID-19, the race is excited to host runners back on Thanksgiving morning for the annual tradition benefiting the Community Survival Center. The event is a vaccinated event and requires any participants who are eligible, to be vaccinated and symptom free. Masks will be required for registration and bib pick up at the Wilbraham United Church. The course starts in Woodland Dell Cemetery just up from race headquarters at the Wilbraham United Church. Runners then make a left onto Main St. and head up Monson Road. Once summited, runners turn left and enjoy scenic views of the valley from atop Ridge Road and enjoy the downhill along Mountain Road before turning back on Main Street to the church. The Race starts at 8:30 a.m. with bib pick-up beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the church.

The race focuses on providing a classic New England Turkey Trot with chip timing, race swag, and one big

hill! New this year, awards will be given for the first male and female runners to the top of Monson Road.

Registration is only \$20 and available online at www.RunReg.com/wilbrahamturkeytrot

Residents are asked not to park on Woodland Dell or Main Street on Thanksgiving morning and to avoid driving on the route until after the race has concluded at 10 a.m. Any traffic will be detoured downhill from Monson Road to Main along Ridge and Mountain Roads.

Expected road closures are as follows:

Main Street: From Monson to Woodland Dell: 8:30-8:35 a.m.

Monson Road: Closed to downhill traffic from Ridge Road to Main Street: 8:30-8:50 a.m. (Traffic detoured down ridge road)

Ridge Road: Closed to uphill traffic from Mountain to Monson: 8:35-9:10 a.m.

(Traffic detoured down Mountain Road)

Mountain Road: Closed to uphill traffic from Main to Ridge: 8:40-9:25 a.m.

(Traffic can travel uphill via Monson Road)

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of schedule to seed the top eight teams in each Division.

The Tigers had several corner kicks and free kicks during the first 30 minutes of the Vocational championship match.

The contest remained scoreless until the 26th minute when Westfield Tech senior Adam Strycharz received a pass from junior David Bulatov before firing a shot into the back of the net past Pathfinder freshman goalkeeper Colin Holt.

The Pioneers managed to score the equalizer a minute later.

The scoring play began with a long shot attempt by senior Gabe Messier, which was mishandled by Westfield Tech senior goalie Liviu Mocanu. Pathfinder senior Dylan Pinto knocked the rebound shot into the net tying the score at 1-1.

"Gabe took a long shot and the goalie misplayed it," Aldrich said.

"Dylan was in the right spot to put it in. It was an outstanding hustle play by him."

The match didn't remain tied for very long, as Strycharz lined a shot into the left corner for an unassisted goal a minute later.

"There are three dangerous times in soccer to give up goals," Aldrich said. "At the

beginning of each half. Near the end of each half and right after the other team scores. We gave up goals after we scored and right before the end of the first half."

With 40 seconds remaining in the opening half, Strycharz completed his hat-trick with a shot from the left side that deflected across the line off the far post. It was assisted by senior Tim Lezhnyak.

The Pioneers had several scoring chances during the first 25 minutes of the second half. Senior Byron Peabody, who broke the school record for goals in a season, had a couple of shots on goal during that stretch.

Strycharz scored his fourth goal with a little more than 20 minutes left in regulation, which pretty much put the contest out of reach.

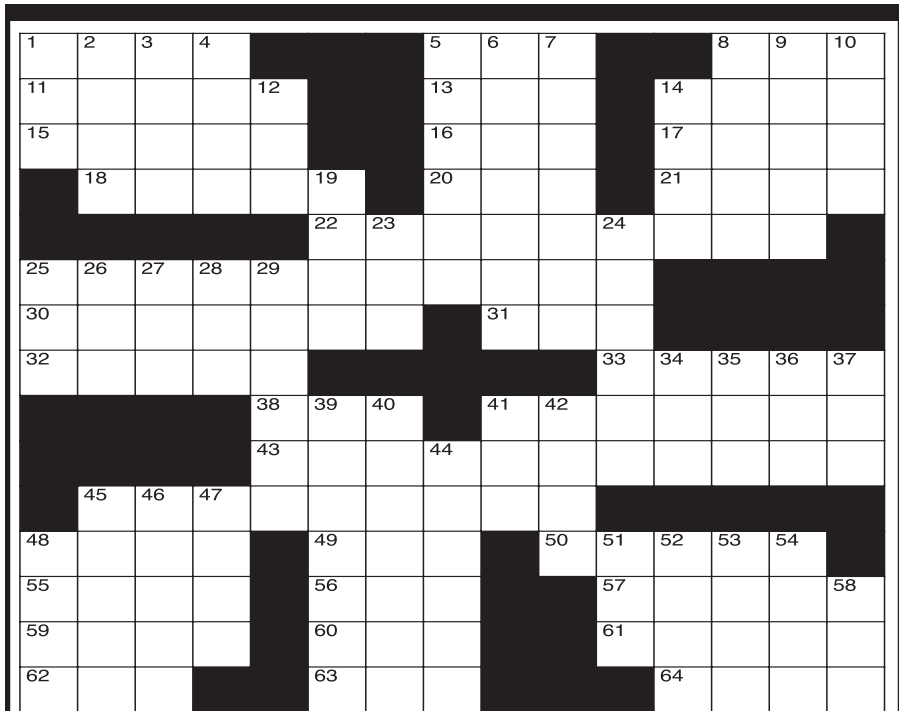
Pinto scored the Pioneers second goal with three minutes left on a shot attempt from about 40 yards out.

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- Mega energy unit (abbr.)
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- Combinations of countries
- Cutting tool
- Small bay in Gulf of Maine
- Actress Lathan
- Chatter incessantly
- Energy, style and enthusiasm
- Simple shoe
- Woman (French)
- Abnormal rattling sound
- Able to change
- Future butterfly
- Used in cooking and medicine
- A street for nightmares
- French modernist painter
- Dishonors

- Integrated data processing
- Frameworks
- Apply new materials
- Where merch is displayed
- American figure skater Lipinski
- Cycles per second
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- Plant in the bean family
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- Born of
- Arranges balls on the pool table
- Title of Italian monk
- Tooth caregiver
- American feminist poet

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- Sign of healing
- Warm-blooded vertebrate
- Model
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- Internal structure
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- South Slavic person
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- Have already done
- As much as one can hold
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- Former CIA
- American time
- Confederate general
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Travel downward
- Made red-blue
- Vietnamese revolutionary Le Duc
- Capital of Italy
- Small bunches of flowers
- Calvary sword
- A distinctive, pleasant odor
- A well-defined track or path
- Cereal used to make flour
- Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
- Grayish white
- Engrave
- Famed men's basketball program
- Midway between south and southeast

DEATH NOTICES

Maureen Ann Hebert, 61
Died: Oct. 30, 2021

Mildred A. (Edwards) Willard
Feb. 4, 1941 - Oct. 26, 2021
Services will be held at the family's discretion.

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O B I T U A R I E S

Maureen A. (Eurkus) Hebert, 61

Maureen A. (Eurkus) Hebert, 61, of Three Rivers, passed away suddenly on Oct. 30, 2021, at Holyoke Medical Center.

She was born on Sept. 16, 1960, in Springfield to Michael Eurkus and the late Carol (Enwright) Eurkus. Maureen was raised in Belchertown and graduated from Belchertown High School. She has lived in the Three Rivers/ Palmer area for over 25 years. She was employed by Van Pool Transportation as a van driver for over 15 years. Maureen loved her job and cared deeply for the children she worked with.

Maureen bred toy poodles for many years and loved her dogs very much. She enjoyed taking long drives along the sea shore with her husband, Raymond. She also loved to lay in the sun and soak up the rays. Maureen loved spending time with her family most especially her precious granddaughter, Ivy.

Besides her father Michael, she will be deeply missed by her husband of 40 years, Raymond Brodeur, and two children,



Kenneth Brodeur and Kayleigh Goodrow. She also leaves her granddaughter Ivy Vail Brodeur; two sisters, Selena Renner, Angela Hebert-Kurca; and a brother, Michael Eurkus Jr. Besides her mother, she was also predeceased by her brother Jack Eurkus.

Calling hours are 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Police/Fire

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to seven calls Nov. 3-7:

On Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 12:55 p.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Boston Road. The department returned to service at 2:22 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 4, at 7:22 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on River Street. The department returned to service 8:08 a.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 4, at 11:31 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Pleasant Street. The department returned to service at 11:46 a.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 4, at 2:29 p.m., the department responded to a station coverage call at the Brimfield Fire Department. The department returned to service at 5:31 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 4, at 4:22 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on Pine Street. The department returned to service at 4:33 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 4, at 6:50 p.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Central Street. The department returned to service 7:23 p.m.

On Friday, Nov. 5, at 9:33 a.m., the department responded to a call, which dispatched and cancelled en route on South Main Street. The de-

partment at 9:42 a.m.

On Friday, Nov. 5, at 1:29 p.m., the department responded to a station coverage call at the Brimfield Fire Department. The department returned to service at 3:44 p.m.

On Friday, Nov. 5, at 7:20 p.m., the department responded to a medical assistance call on Beverly Street. The department returned to service at 8:32 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, at 1:56 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle fire on East Palmer Park Drive. The department returned to service at 2:41 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, at 2:48 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with no injury on Wilbraham Street. The department returned to service at 4:38 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, at 8:34 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on Waverly Street. The department returned to service 9:10 p.m.

On Sunday, Nov. 7, at 11:35 a.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide incident on Peterson Road. The department returned to service at 12:04 p.m.

THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to one call Nov. 2-8:

On Thursday, Nov. 4, at 6:44

p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on High Street. The department returned to service at 7:15 p.m.

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to seven fire calls and 18 EMS calls Nov. 1-7:

On Thursday, Nov. 4, at 11:01 a.m., the department responded to a vehicle fire. The department returned to service at 12:02 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 4, at 1:03 p.m., the department responded to a gas leak. The department returned to service at 1:26 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 4, at 7:23 p.m., the department returned to a firm alarm. The department returned to service at 7:56 p.m.

On Friday, Nov. 5, at 9:27 a.m., the department responded to a brush fire. The department returned to service at 9:45 a.m.

On Friday, Nov. 5, at 12:50 p.m., the department responded to a structure fire. The department returned to service at 4:20 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, at 12:02 p.m., the department responded to a fire alarm. The department returned to service at 12:37 p.m.

On Sunday, Nov. 7, at 12:42 p.m., the department responded to a fire alarm. The department returned to service at 12:45 p.m.

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

What about paying Social Security tax while still working

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: Upon being let go in 2009 at age 65 from my full time job of 30 years, I immediately applied for Social Security for my wife and I to live on while seeking employment. Not finding anything full-time, I ended up working part-time for the past nine years driving a school bus for an hourly wage. Even though my wife and I are collecting Social Security, my wages are still being taxed for it. While I don't feel this is fair, the real rub (to me) is the fact that my Social Security payroll deductions for the past nine years do not seem to be resulting in an increase in the amount of Social Security we receive. Meanwhile, a friend, who is our age and a business owner, mentioned the amount he is taxed for Social Security as a sole proprietor is somehow being returned to him from time to time. Therefore, could you please explain what's happening here and whether we are due some kind of adjustment? Signed: Working Still at 74

Dear Still Working: I cannot comment on your friend's assertion that as a sole proprietor business owner his self-employment Social Security tax is somehow being "returned to him from time to time." I can, however, tell you that the rules for business owners are the same as for those who do

not own a business, except that a business owner pays both the employee and employer portion of Social Security employment taxes.

Essentially, the only way paying into Social Security now (via payroll taxes or self-employment taxes) will increase your Social Security benefit amount is if your income in any recent year is more than your earnings in any of the 35 highest earning years over your lifetime used to compute your benefit. When your Social Security benefit was originally computed, all years in your lifetime earnings history through age 59 were adjusted for inflation. The highest earning 35 years were selected to develop your "average indexed monthly earnings" (AIME). A formula was applied to your AIME to determine your "Primary Insurance Amount" or "PIA," which is the amount you get if you claim benefits to start in the month you reach your full retirement age (FRA). If you claimed at age 65, your Social Security benefit was slightly reduced from your PIA because you claimed before your FRA.

Although you have been and are still working part-time, and you're paying into Social Security while doing so, your personal Social Security benefit will not increase unless your current earnings are more than any of those in the 35 years originally used to determine

your benefit when you claimed. The inflation adjustment influences your past years' earnings more than you might expect; for example, \$50,000 earned in 1990 would require more than \$125,000 in today's earnings to change your benefit. Remember that your contributions to Social Security while you are working do not go into a personal account for you. All who work are required to pay into Social Security, and the money paid is used to help pay benefits to those already receiving Social Security. And that doesn't change when you start collecting Social Security; if you continue to work you must still pay Social Security tax, and the money you pay goes to help pay benefits for all recipients.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

Monson Savings Bank announces the promotion of Kohn to Business Relationship Manager

MONSON – Monson

Savings Bank is happy to announce the recent promotion of Aimee E. Kohn to Business Relationship Manager. She joins the Bank's Business Development team at the Loan & Operations Center, located at 75 Post Office Park in Wilbraham. She will also travel to customers to assist with their business banking needs.

"Since joining the Monson Savings team, Aimee has demonstrated that she is truly a team player. She is a knowledgeable colleague who is always more than happy to help others succeed," said Dan Moriarty, President and CEO of Monson Savings Bank. "Aimee has provided exemplary customer service to our customers. This is something that I know she will continue to do in her new position. We have enjoyed watching Aimee grow with the Bank and we are looking forward to her continued growth with us."

Kohn is a resident of Wilbraham. She resides with her husband, their two daughters, and their beloved dogs. In her new role as Business Relationship Manager, Kohn will be responsible for assisting current and future Monson Savings Bank business customers with their banking needs. Along with the other members of the Business Development Department, Kohn will



be assisting in making business banking more manageable for business owners. From her years of experience working with business owners in her retail banking positions, Kohn knows that owning a business is a demanding, and sometimes, hectic job. She will make the job of running a business a little bit easier by offering various business banking solutions and convenient service options.

Kohn began her career in banking with Monson Savings Bank seven years ago. She started as a part time Customer Service Associate at the Bank's Monson Branch. She quickly proved herself to be a valuable asset to the Bank. Her commitment to providing exceptional customer service and her dedication to her team has led her to flourish in the Retail Banking Department. She was promoted to full time Customer Service Associate before becoming a CSA Supervisor, then Kohn was promoted to Assistant Branch Manager of the Wilbraham Branch, and most recently served as the Branch Manager of Monson Savings Bank's newest branch in East Longmeadow.

Throughout her career with Monson Savings, Kohn has gone the extra mile to contribute to the overall success of the Bank. She has been a member of various in-

ternal committees, including: the East Longmeadow Branch Opening Committee, the East Longmeadow Branch Strategy Committee, and the Pandemic Re-Opening Preparedness Committee. Additionally, Kohn has trained and aided many members of her team, helping them to grow in their positions and develop their skillset to achieve success.

Furthermore, Kohn holds a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature with a minor in Psychology from Roger Williams University.

"I am so thrilled to continue my journey with Monson Savings Bank and join the Business Development Department," said Aimee Kohn, Business Relationship Manager. "During my career in retail banking, one of my favorite job responsibilities has been assisting our business customers because I am given the opportunity to learn about their businesses and to build relationships. In my new position, I will be able to work more closely with business customers. I am very excited for the new experiences my position will offer me and to help our business customers succeed."

To contact Aimee E. Kohn for your business banking needs, she can be called at (413) 893-0174 or emailed at akohn@monsonsavings.com.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Editor's note: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, events featured in the Journal Register, including those previewed in stories, briefs and on the calendar page, may be canceled with little notice. The Journal Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers for updated event times. Have an event to promote? Email the information (in a Word doc or as email text – no PDFs, please – to mharrison@turley.com.

NOW

CRAFTS FAIR: The Saints Peter and Paul Rosary Sodality Of Divine Mercy parish will be sponsoring its annual Holiday Craft Fair 9 a.m. Nov. 13. Proceeds help fund various Parish projects. The fair will be held in the Parish Center on Main Street in Three Rivers. Parking and admission are free. There will be

a Christmas Blessing Lottery Tree with \$1,000 worth of lottery tickets as first prize, talented local artists, and refreshments.

SOON

TREE AND WREATH FESTIVAL: The Palmer Historical and Cultural Center will hold its ninth annual Tree and Wreath Festival Dec. 3-5 and Dec. 11-12. Come for a wide selection of trees, wreaths, ornaments, gifts, and more. Proceeds will be used by PHCC in carrying out the PHCC mission in providing diversified cultural events for Palmer, surrounding communities, and Western Mass. region. The festival will be held 4-7:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 11-2. If you would like to learn more as to how you can sponsor a tree or wreath, visit the PHCC website at palmerhcc.org for informa-

tion and downloadable forms. If you have questions, email palmerhcc@gmail.com or call the PHCC at 413-289-9295 or Bob Haveles at 413-283-3054.

DINNER AND MUSIC: On Saturday, Dec. 4, the First Church of Monson Music Committee will hold a dinner followed by a concert. The Fanfare Brass Ensemble under the direction of David Neill will perform as will Kiel Krommer on organ. The audience will be invited to join in the singing of Christmas carols. The dinner features baked ham, roasted potatoes, cranberry-orange relish, butternut squash, and apple cake with whipped cream for dessert. Tickets are \$20 for the dinner and concert. Dinner will be served at 5 P.M.; the concert will follow at 7 p.m. Contact Gail at 413 267 4818 for dinner/concert reservations. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and will be available at the door.

Gifts galore and much more at First Church Fair

The First Church, 859 Center Street in Ludlow, is holding its annual Holiday Fair Nov. 19-20.

First Church is holding its fair inside this year with seven rooms with a wide variety of beautiful and unique items including:

Santa's Workshop with handmade and one of a kind seasonal decorations; Cemetery Boxes with the freshest of greens

This and That – knitted crocheted, quilted and handmade items for every day; a Bake Shoppe with something for your sweet tooth!

Don't miss Baskets & Bows – beautiful one of a kind theme baskets, the take a chance Kids Clothing Boutique with new, brand name boys and girls clothing, the Bookstore with a large selection of books at great prices and the Hummingbird Shop featuring fabric, yarn and needlework supplies.



The fair will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20.

'Four is More'

Do you know about "Four is More?" Donate four school supplies and get a free ticket for one of two: lap robes, plants, quilts, specialty gifts and more.

And if this is not enough to tempt you, the church will be raffling off a 55-inch smart HDTV.

In consideration of continued concerns over the pandemic, the church is asking that masks be worn. The Snack Bar will not be open at the fair, but there will be a variety of soups and sandwich makings to-go as well as baked beans, pasta, and meatballs, and desserts to round out your lunch.

In keeping with the church's mission to help those less fortunate, each year the ladies of the Church have put together school bags which are distributed to school children both here in the states and abroad. So this year we will have what we are calling Four is More. By that they mean if you bring in four items, you will be helping more school aged children than you realize. And as an incentive, you will receive one ticket for each four items donated to win one of two quilted lap robes. Each bag is filled with pencils (those we have), a box of crayons, a large eraser or two if smaller, a 12-inch ruler, a pair of scissors appropriate for a child, a pencil sharpener (the larger type where shavings can be captured), and three single subject notebooks (spiral bound).

The goal is to fill at least 27 bags which we have already made but there are a few rules – all items must be new and if an item such as an eraser comes with two in the package, the package counts as one item.

HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

All new programs, events for November

HOLLAND — From Veterans Appreciation Day to crafts, quilting and fitness classes, the Holland Community Center at 40 Brimfield Road offers fun, educational, and life-enriching activities for all ages.

If you're not familiar with the Friends group, be sure to attend the meeting on Nov. 16 (details below).

There are nutritious, home-made meals as well. Here's a look at what's going on this month:

Special November Events

Nov. 11 CLOSED
Nov. 15 Bingo 1 p.m.
Nov. 15 Papercrafts 1 p.m.
Nov. 16 FoHCC Meeting 1 p.m.
Nov. 22 Fuel Assistance Sign up All Day
Nov. 25 CLOSED – GOBBLE, GOBBLE

Hungry?

You can dine-in or take out meals on Mondays and Wednesdays. Take out Pick up is 11:45 a.m.-noon. Dine-in is at noon. A \$3 donation RSVP required. Due to a wonderful donation from the Holland Council on Aging, any Holland senior resident will be able to get their lunch for a \$3 suggested donation. *

For a \$5 suggested donation you will get the entrée, a side and dessert.

All ages are welcome to order.

November's Menu

Nov. 15: Beef Stroganoff
Nov. 17: Thanksgiving Meal
Nov. 22: Bedder Cheddar Sauce Subs
Nov. 24: Mild Chili w/ Cornbread
Nov. 29: French Onion Soup Smothered Pork Chops
*Please have exact change if possible.

Program highlights

CRAFTER'S SOCIAL & QUILTING: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.- Bring your favorite project and visit with other crafters each week.

DOMINOES: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. – Join us every Tuesday for dominoes. We use colored, numbered pieces instead of dots,

which helps if you have less than perfect eyesight. The game is pretty simple and lots of fun. Everyone is invited and it's FREE.

MIX IT UP WITH DEBBIE: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. The class consists of core and body conditioning. Includes cardio, strength training, and stretching. Plus its lots of fun. Bring yoga mat and flat fitness band if you have it. RSVP is required. \$5 per person (\$3 for seniors).

YOGA: Wednesdays at 5 p.m. – Take time out for you. The holidays are coming and self-care is very important. Come to the Center for an hour of relaxation and self-care.

BOOK CLUB: Monday, Nov. 8, at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome! In person, at the Center this month they will discuss The Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis. In December Maggie-Now by Betty Smith they will discuss. This is a FREE event.

COA ZOOM MEETING: Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 10:15 a.m. ID: 827 1939 5244, Password: 830489.

BINGO: Monday, Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. We have changed our time for Bingo to see if we get more people who are interested. Join us at 1 pm. We use the 65-inch TV as a screen to show the numbers. So much fun! \$1 per sheet. We usually play about 10 rounds.

FRIENDS MEETING: Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m. – The friends group helps to plan events and raise money for activities at the Center. Anyone is welcome to come to the meeting. Stop by to see what it's all about.

BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO MEDICINAL HERBS: Monday, Nov. 29 at 12:45 p.m. Are you a little nervous about trying medicinal herbs? Would you like to increase your knowledge about using the spices and herbs, commonly found in your kitchen? Take this opportunity to learn about some herbal home remedies. What can you find in the supermarket that may aid in keeping you healthy? Learn some of the vocabulary associated with the use of herbs: tea, salve, oils, syrup, tincture, essential oil, cordial.

Have fun and take information home today that you can use tomorrow!

Every Monday

Mah Jongg – 10:15 a.m.

Gobi has office hours across district through Nov.

State Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) invites community members to meet with her Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs Director, Lucas McDiarmid, at locations across the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex District through November.

Office hours will last for a period of one hour at each location and are scheduled by region. All residents are invited to attend at any location. If you have questions or wish to make a special appointment with the Senator or her staff, outside of scheduled hours, please call 413-324-3082. You may also email Lucas.McDiarmid@MASenate.gov.

Monday, Nov. 15

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at East Brookfield Municipal Offices

Tuesday, Nov. 16

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at

Take out Lunch – 11:45 a.m.
Lunch – noon
Texas Hold'em – 4:30 p.m.

Every Tuesday

Crafters Social – 10:30 a.m.
Dominoes – 10:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday

Mix it Up – 10 a.m.
Take out Lunch – 11:45 a.m.
Lunch – noon
Mah Jongg – 1 p.m.

Every Thursday

Food Drive – 11 a.m.
Cribbage – 12:15 p.m.
Pitch – 5 p.m.
Yoga – 6 p.m.

Dominoes – Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Did you play dominoes as a kid? Have you heard of the Mexican Train version? We are playing every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. If you've played before, or you're new to the game, it won't matter. We have lots of fun. We just learned about an app for counting the dots so you can play using dots, or using numbers, whichever you prefer. We already have a few new players and they're having a good time. RSVP encouraged but walk-ins allowed.

Wait, there's more! Helping Wales Community Pantry

We are still collecting food for the Wales Community Pantry. The Pantry serves the residents of Holland, Wales, and Brimfield. They need peanut butter, jelly, Spam, cereal, and other nonperishable goods. You can drop off food anytime or day the Center is open. Monetary Donations can be made out to Wales Community Pantry. Monetary Donations help the Pantry to order fresh meats and produce.

Need pet food?

Here Today, Adopted Tomorrow has been very generous helping the residents of Holland and other towns by bringing dog and cat food here each week. If you need some for your animals, please stop by any time we are open.

For more information, call the Holland Community Center at 413-245-3163, visit on Facebook or go to town.holland.ma.us/community-center.

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Team Pam, Workshop13 and ClayWorks team up to fight cancer

REGION – Team Pam is pleased to announce Without A Net 2021, an online auction featuring the collaborative work of 16 Central Mass artists to benefit the UMass Cancer Center.

This year, because of the global pandemic, Team Pam is not planning the live Without A Net music event that local audiences and musicians have looked forward to each year since 2014.

But the pandemic hasn’t stopped cancer. And it hasn’t stopped the researchers at the UMass Cancer Center or Team Pam.

For 2021, Team Pam enlisted artists who are affiliated with Workshop13 in Ware, and its ClayWorks studio. Ordinarily, a ceramic artist controls the entire creative process, which includes a number of phases such as throwing clay on the wheel, decorating, glazing and firing in the kiln. These phases can be controlled to some degree by a professional ceramicist. But even seasoned clay artists are often surprised by what comes out of the kiln after the final firing

However, many of the artists who participated in the Without A Net project were working in this medium for the first time, bringing their drawing and painting skills into the pottery studio, which was unfamiliar territory. And they agreed to work on separate stages of the project before handing it off to another artist, who brought their own skills and vision to their shared creative process. This collaboration produced truly unique pieces that were revealed upon removal from the kiln.

In this way, artists embraced the Without A Net metaphor for dealing with cancer, that unusual combination of preparation, trust and chance, with no promises for the outcome. That some of the participating artists are also cancer survivors gives their pieces and the auction added meaning.

“Art is all about taking chances and I know our that all of our artists were very excited to take part in this Without A Net project and to experiment and collaborate in new ways, especially knowing it was for such an important cause as cancer research,” said Marie Lauderdale, executive director of Workshop13.

Artists supporting Without A Net 2021

- Juliet Bacchas
- Anne Burton
- Lisa Cohen
- John Collins
- Bob Driscoll
- Tina Eddleston
- Althea Keaton
- Steve Moorehouse
- Amy Morin
- Susan Pecora
- Sara Danielle Rossignol
- Beth Scully
- Lynn Wrona
- Bob Driscoll

“We are so grateful to all of the artists who stepped up to experiment and work together, supporting

Without A Net and cancer research and having great fun in the process. And we offer a very special thanks to Marie Lauderdale at Workshop13, and Nicole Finnie and David Walulak at ClayWorks, for their generous help in making this year’s Without A Net event a great success,” said Pam Spielberg.

Without A Net online auction to benefit the UMass Cancer Center

As always, all the money raised by Without A Net events is donated by Team Pam to support the world-class research taking place at the UMass Cancer Center in Worcester.

Auction preview opens Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1 p.m.
Auction dates: Start Sunday, Nov. 14, 1 p.m.
End Wednesday, Nov. 17, 8 p.m.

About Without A Net

When Pam Spielberg was diagnosed with esophageal cancer in 2009, early detection, excellent care and her own grit and determination enabled her to beat her cancer. Now, 12 years later, Pam remains cancer-free.

In her commitment to give thanks and help support the world-class researchers, clinicians and caregivers at the UMass Cancer Center who helped save her life, she has led Team Pam in a variety of fund-raising activities, including, together with her husband, Army, creating the Without A Net series of concerts and art events. Since 2009, Team Pam has raised more than \$40,000 for benefit the UMass Cancer Center.

About Workshop13

Workshop13 is a locally-focused, nonprofit organization in Ware, with a mission to promote awareness of and participation in the arts. Workshop13 programming includes painting, drawing, ceramics, pottery, photography and video, as well as live music.



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November 1 to November 15
By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

FDR's fourth term

On November 7, 1944, Franklin Delano Roosevelt became the only president in history elected to a fourth term.

There was no law against unlimited tenure, but after George Washington declined to run a third time in 1796, each succeeding Chief Executive abided by his example.

President Roosevelt might have rebuffed the “Rule” because of the dire worldwide conditions. America was lifting out of its Great Depression, but it

still had to contend with the aggressive behaviors from Germany and Japan.

In 1945, the war ended. Two years later, Congress proposed the 22nd Amendment, which limited presidential service to two, four-year terms; the bill was ratified by the states on Feb. 27, 1951.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends Michael A Schuman’s “Franklin D. Roosevelt: The Four-Term President.”

First college football game

On November 4, 1869, Rutgers beat Princeton 6-4 in America’s very first college football game. It was a grudge match precipitated by an 1866 baseball game in which Princeton prevailed in a 40-2 rout. But football was different tin those days; it was played with a soccer ball.

Rutgers’ description of the football game virtually admits the players were engaged in a version of soccer: “The

ball could be advanced only by kicking or batting it with the feet, hands, heads, or sides.” (As adapted from the London Football Association.)

The NCAA football record book recognized it as part of college football history until the 1880s; then, a great rugby player from Yale, Walter Camp, pioneered rule changes that slowly converted it to American Football.

The Hall of Fame provides another piece of American football history; John Brallier, a quarterback at Indiana College in Pennsylvania became the first “pro football player” when he accepted “\$10 and ‘cakes’ (expenses) to play for the Latrobe, Pennsylvania, town team against neighboring Jeannette on Sept. 3, 1895.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends “How Football Became Football: 150 Years of the Game’s Evolution,” by Timothy P. Brown.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

On Nov. 11, 2021, America will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a ceremony over which President Warren Harding presided. Now, the annual commemoration has been absorbed into a part of Veterans Day.

According to History.com, the first “unknown soldier was buried with highest honors beside the Memorial Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery. As the soldier was lowered to his final resting place, a two-inch layer of soil brought from France was placed below his coffin so that he might rest forever atop the earth on which he died.”

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends “The Unknowns: The Untold Story of America’s Unknown Soldier and WWI’s Most Decorated Heroes Who Brought Him Home,” by Patrick K. O’Donnell.

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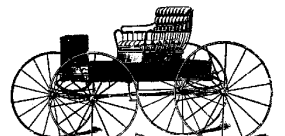


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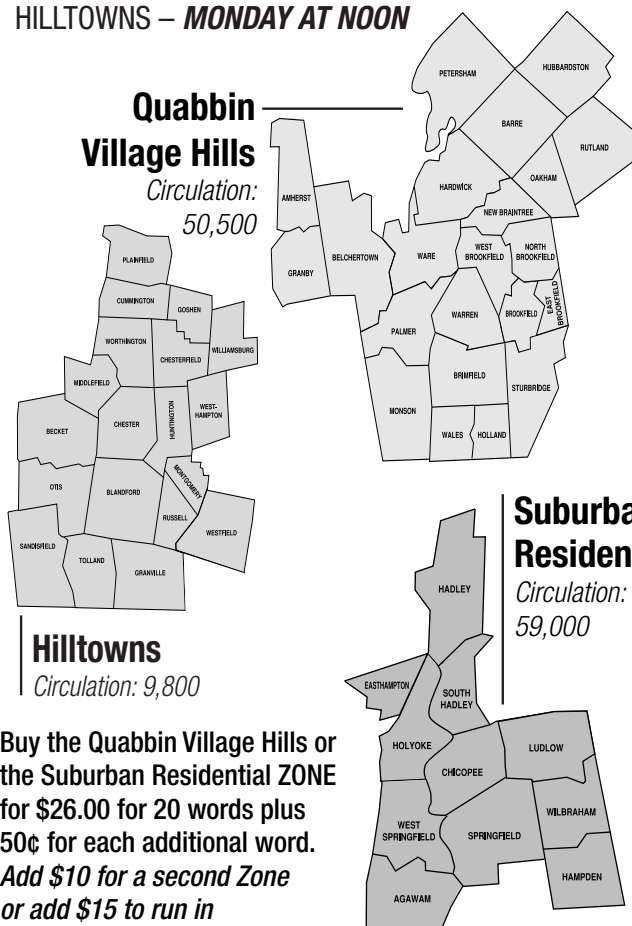
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LEGAL NOTICE
In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, for the purpose of satisfying the liens of Apple Self Storage, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the stored goods of the following named people, including household items will be sold at public lien sale at 10:00 AM on December 03, 2021, on the premises of Apple Self Storage, 1207 South Main Street, Palmer, Massachusetts:

Brendan W. Remillard
11 Austin Avenue
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Yvonne Rena Carman
3610 Ellington Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870

Cynthia L. Harris
27 State Street
Monson, MA 01057

11/04, 11/11/2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Delena DeMarco, Steven F. DeMarco to Fleet National Bank, dated March 13, 2003 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 13126, Page 442 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to Fleet National Bank to MEB Loan Trust III, recorded on September 18, 2019, in Book No. 22858, at Page 583

Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to Fleet National Bank to MEB Loan Trust III, recorded on September 26, 2019, in Book No. 22872, at Page 195

Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to Fleet National Bank to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for MEB Loan Trust III, recorded on November 17, 2020, in Book No. 23539, at Page 108

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **12:00 PM on November 22, 2021**, on the mortgaged premises located at 4 Lake George Road, Wales, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
THAT CERTAIN PIECE OF PARCEL OF LAND, AND THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, KNOWN AS 4 LAKE GEORGE RD. IN THE TOWN OF WALES COUNTY OF HAMPDEN AND STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 11128, PAGE 563. Said parcel is further known as Lot 2 on a plan of lots recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 248, Page 81.

Subject to a first mortgage dated September 24, 2003 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 13620, Page 567 in the original principal amount of \$115,047.00.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11128, Page 563.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of **Five Thousand (\$5,000.00)** Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at

the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR MEB LOAN TRUST III
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD21P2089EA Estate of: Linda Knowlton Date of Death: 06/04/2011 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy** has been filed by **Joni Cormier** of Walpole, NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/02/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 04, 2021
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/11/2021

LEGAL NOTICE
In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, for the purpose of satisfying the liens of LaBonte Self Storage, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the stored goods of the following named people, including household items will be sold at public lien sale at **9:00 AM on December 03, 2021**, on the premises of LaBonte Self Storage, 250 Wilbraham Street, Palmer, Massachusetts:

Debra Goodrich
815 Carew Street Floor 1
Springfield, MA 01104

11/04, 11/11/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD20P0465EA In the matter of: Frederick W Shaw Also known as: Frederick Walter Shaw, Sr. Date of Death: 02/06/2020 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT
To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: **Amy McClosky of Monson, MA** requesting allowance of the first account(s) as Personal Representative and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 12/01/2021.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 01, 2021
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In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, for the purpose of satisfying the liens of Shed Rent.com LLC, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the stored goods of the following named people, including household items will be sold at public lien sale at **9:00 AM on December 03, 2021**, on the premises of Apple Self Storage LLC, 1207 South Main Street, Palmer, MA:

Michael Samek
2029 Main Street
Three Rivers MA 01080

11/04, 11/11/2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Premises: 1061 Park Street, Palmer, MA 01069
By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Karl E. Sweikhart and Lynn Sweikhart to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp.,

and now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee for Upland Mortgage Loan Trust B, said mortgage dated March 20, 2009 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17762, Page 152, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. to Bank of America, N.A. by assignment dated May 3, 2013 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 19806, Page 88; said mortgage was assigned from Bank of America, N.A. to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment dated September 24, 2014 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 20579, Page 192; said mortgage was assigned from Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by assignment dated December 12, 2016 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 21585, Page 554; said mortgage was assigned from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its Individual Capacity but solely in its Capacity as Owner Trustee of Matawin Ventures Trust Series 2016-4 by assignment dated February 24, 2017 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 21585, Page 560; said mortgage was assigned from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its Individual Capacity but solely in its Capacity as Owner Trustee of Matawin Ventures Trust Series 2016-4 to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Upland Mortgage Loan Trust B by assignment dated May 15, 2018 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 22293, Page 133; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **December 1, 2021, at 1:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

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southwesterly line of Park Street, at the southeasterly corner of land formerly of Augusta L. Thompson, now of the United States of America and running thence; **SOUTHWESTERLY** along last named land five (5) rods to a stone bound in line of land formerly of Carrie J. Holbrook, now or formerly of the devisees of Emma E. Converse;

THENCE **SOUTHEASTERLY** along line of said last named land fifty (50) feet to an iron pin in line of land formerly of Allie V. Hall, now or formerly of George A. and Josephine Sullivan;

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The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated October 16, 1997, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 10083, Page 473.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street,
Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee for Upland Mortgage Loan Trust B
Present Holder of the Mortgage
401-217-8701
10/28, 11/04, 11/11/2021

TOWN OF PALMER TOWN COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Palmer Town Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday December 13, 2021**, at the Palmer Town Building, 4417 Main St. (Thorndike), Palmer MA at 6:30 PM on. That the Town appropriate the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) for the purpose of paying costs of designing and reconstructing wastewater treatment plant roofs and centrifuges.

Anyone interested in being heard should appear at the time and place so designated.

Palmer Town Council
11/11/2021

WALES CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act, Chapter 131, Section 40, a Public Hearing will be held by the Wales Conservation Commission on **November 18, 2021**, at the Wales Senior Center (Old Stafford Rd. Wales, MA) at 6:00 PM, for a **Request of Determination Applicability** filed by Ethan Pearson for the property located at 40 B Hollow Rd. Wales, MA 01081. Virtual participation information will be available on the Town of Wales website or contact conservation@town-ofwales.net. 11/11/2021

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New England Adventures connects veterans to outdoors

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Time spent outdoors can have a therapeutic effect on people, helping to keep them grounded even when stress and uncertainty finds them in daily life. For veterans and current servicemembers, many who have experienced situations most civilians struggle to relate to, these stresses are magnified by being in areas of conflict, far from family and the comfort of home. Returning back into civilian life can be both wonderful, and isolating, at the same time. Finding and connecting with other veterans can help to make that transition easier and provide support.

New England Adventures has found a way to connect veterans to the outdoors, while building lifelong friendships and a network of support. Founded in 2014, New England Adventures is a nonprofit organization dedicated to giving “the gift of community back to veterans their families...we execute our mission by hosting a variety of events throughout the year.”

According to a mission statement written by the organization’s founding members, “We honor the service of all veterans and work to build a strong community of people committed to serving each other and working toward furthering a respect and enjoyment of the outdoors. Numerous studies have shown the outdoors is a great therapeutic way of healing. We strive to show veterans and service members this healing power as a means of self-healing in their lives now and in the future.”

Events can include hunting trips, fishing trips, ski trips, camping trips, hiking trips, family day events, retreats and other outdoor adventures throughout the New England states. New England Adventures provides these all-expenses-paid trips to veterans, current servicemember and their families, at no cost whatsoever. Food, accommodation, and travel, as well as the experience, are all covered by the organization.

Vice-President of New England Adventure’s Executive Board is long-time Warren resident and Patrolman for the Warren Police Department, Rene Cote. He enlisted in the Army Reserves in 1992, retiring as an O-4

Major in 2014. In his 22 years of military service, Cote worked as a Military Police Officer and Military Technician and was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. An active outdoorsman, Cote joined the board after attending one of their pheasant hunts last October, as a veteran.

“During the event I found the organization to be very professional and I had a great time. They asked for volunteers, and I signed up and participated at Deer Camp in December...and have been volunteering ever since,” Cote said. “When I was at Deer Camp, I harvested a seven-pointer,” the largest white-tailed deer he has ever gotten.

Like Cote, many on the Executive Board are either veterans themselves, or related to a veteran; and know how beneficial these experiences can be for military families. Events occur all over the New England area, with deer hunts in New York and the Berkshires, bear hunts in Maine, fishing on Cape Cod, mountain biking at Mount Snow in Vermont, and whitewater rafting, to name a few. Adventures can really be, “anything that the veterans ask for, or a board member puts together,” Cote said.

These adventures can be beneficial to veterans and current servicemembers on many levels, Cote said. “Not only is the outdoor giving them time to spend time with other vets, but each individual has also had the potential for sharing the same experiences,” he said. Sharing military-influenced humor and terminology, creates an instant bond for many. “They can talk the same talk,” Cote said.

New England Adventures is completely volunteer-driven, with all proceeds raised directly benefitting servicemembers and families. “Our unofficial motto is ‘For the Mission’ and the mission is to get veterans outdoors,” Cote said. The organization receives support from many generous sponsors, including Boston Bowhunter, Cabela’s, and Movement Mortgage.

New England Adventures can be found at many veterans-based events, or online at www.newenglandadventures.org. Applications are being accepted for upcoming adventures including the 5th Annual Deer Camp during Dec. 1 to 4, and the 6th annual Sea Duck Hunt on Dec. 17 and 18.

Free Small Business Legal Clinic at Western New England University now accepting applications

Application Deadline:
Jan. 1, 2022

SPRINGFIELD – The Western New England University Small Business Legal Clinic is accepting applications from entrepreneurs and small business owners seeking legal assistance for the spring semester 2022. Under faculty supervision, law students assist clients with legal issues including choice of entity, employment policies, contract drafting, regulatory compliance,

and intellectual property issues relating to trademark applications and copyright. This is a free service available to local businesses that might not have the resources to obtain such services.

The Small Business Clinic has assisted more than 500 small businesses since it opened. “The Clinic is a great resource for entrepreneurs who lack the finances to retain an attorney,” explained Associate Clinical Professor of Law Robert Statchen. “By using the Clinic’s services, businesses can avoid problems by getting legal issues addressed early

and correctly. It also provides students with a great opportunity to get real world experience.”

The Clinic requests small business owners to submit their applications by January 1, 2022. Applications received after that date will be considered if additional resources are available. Students will begin providing services in late January. For more information, call the Legal Clinic at 413-782-1469 or email Marie Fletcher, Clinical Programs Administrator at mfletcher@law.wne.edu.

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Business Legal Clinic was established to afford law students with an opportunity to provide practical consultation to entrepreneurs starting new and building existing small businesses in the community. This initiative strengthens alliances within the community by using the resources of the University to foster new business development. For more information or to complete an online application, visit <https://www1.wne.edu/law/centers/small-business-legal-clinic.cfm>.

Lee tapped for Western Mass Regional Women’s Correctional Center Advisory Board

SPRINGFIELD – Kimberly Lee, Vice President of Resource Development and Branding for the Mental Health Association, Inc. has accepted Hampden County Sheriff, Nick Cocchi’s invitation to join his newly created Community Advisory Board to provide long-range planning and support for the Western Massachusetts Regional Women’s Correctional Center in Chicopee.

“I am very honored to join this advisory board and to contribute in any way that is helpful to the work of the Sheriff’s Department and the WCC,” said Lee whose not-for-profit

organization provides residential and support services to individuals impacted by mental illness, developmental disabilities, substance abuse and homelessness. “I look forward to being part of a dynamic group of individuals committed to improving the lives of women.”

The regional correctional facility houses both pretrial and sentenced women primarily from the counties of Hampden, Hampshire, Worcester and Berkshire, and offers a range of integrated clinical services and specialized programs that address rehabilitation. Cocchi out-

lined the board’s mission as one of developing long-range planning for the facility and building relationships and resources to assist women as they re-enter the community.

“Our hope is that the Community Advisory Board will comprise a diverse representation of service providers, business leaders, academics, and women with lived experience,” Cocchi said in his letter to prospective members. “Each member will be asked to commit to annual meetings and to bring her expertise to envision, initiate, and support our women as they enter

back into our communities as contributing, sustaining citizens.”

Lee, who joined MHA in 2018 as its first Vice President of Resource Development, is well known for her work in the nonprofit sector. She previously served in communications and development roles for several other locally-based nonprofit organizations, including CHD, Square One, the Basketball Hall of Fame and the Community United Way.

The new board will meet remotely for the first time Thursday, Nov. 4.

Sen. Lesser secures funding for Leadership Pioneer Valley to develop community leaders

SPRINGFIELD – On Wednesday, Sen. Eric P. Lesser was joined by Lora Wondolowski, Executive Director of Leadership Pioneer Valley; Annamarie Golden, LPV Board Chair/Office of Government & Community Relations at Baystate Health; Kareem Kibodya, Office of U.S. Rep. Neal/program alumnus; Justin Hurst Springfield City Councilor/program alumnus; and Anthony Moore, Office of Senator Adam Gomez, to announce \$50,000 in funding secured for their regional leadership development program benefiting businesses, non-profits,

and cities and towns in the Pioneer Valley. Senator Lesser acted as lead Senate sponsor, securing this state funding in the FY22 budget, signed into law by Governor Baker in July. The livestream of the announcement can be viewed here.

This funding will ensure that the Leadership Pioneer Valley can provide tuition assistance for public sector and nonprofit leaders who participate in the program, with a focus on diversity and inclusivity. Attendees participate in an intensive program that concentrates on building their networks, 21st-century

leadership skills, and understanding how they can give back to their communities.

“Leadership Pioneer Valley truly commits to their mission of bringing people together with different backgrounds and perspectives to work on common challenges and goals; 328 alumni have participated over the last 10 years, 97% of which still live in the Pioneer Valley and are building their careers right here in the community. That mission and this funding will go directly towards continued efforts to stitch our region together to work in common

purpose. I’m proud to support their efforts and to work with program alumni in elected office such as Senator Gomez and Councilor Hurst,” said Lesser.

“Thank you to Senator Lesser for his leadership and the delegation for securing funding for Leadership Pioneer Valley. Your support is an investment in future leaders for our region and ensures employees from small businesses, the public sector, and small non-profits can participate,” remarked Lora Wondolowski, Executive Director Leadership Pioneer Valley.

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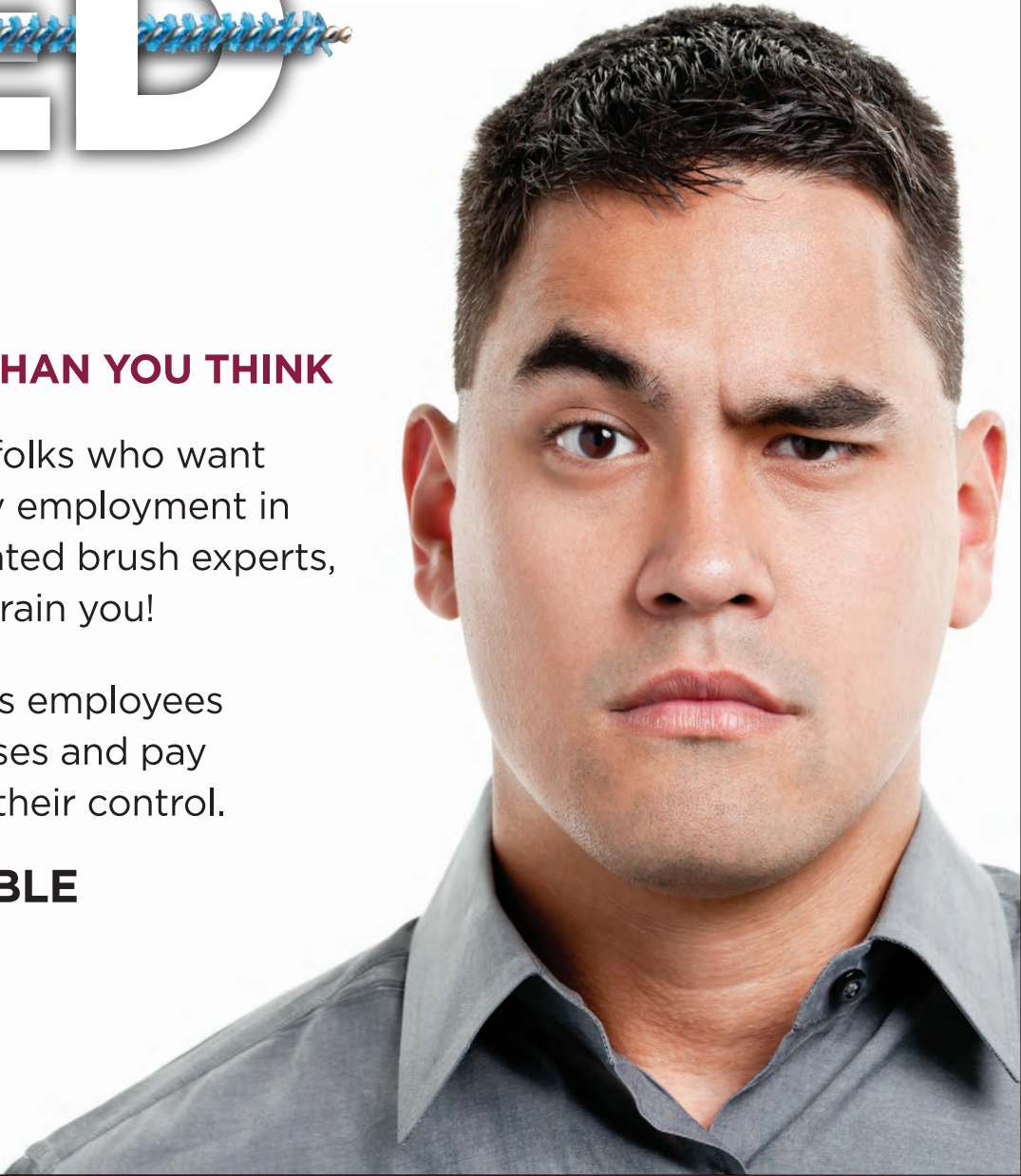
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